

A Regular Council Meeting of the Donora Borough Council was held on January 12, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Donora Municipal Complex. The meeting was called to order by Dennis Gutierrez and following by The Pledge of Allegiance followed by prayer. Ms. Polkabila have a moment of silence in honor of the sudden passing of the borough solicitor Ray Amatangelo and former Mayor, Anthony Massafra. The following members were present at roll call: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, and Mr. Szakal. Absent were Mr. Shawley and Mrs. Trozzo who are both ill. Also present were Mayor Donald Pavelko, Administrator/Secretary/Treasurer Dennis C. Fisher, Superintendent James Brice.

### **Opening of Bids**

No bids to open.

### **Public Address**

Kevin Davis spoke to council about 13<sup>th</sup> Street steps. He thanked council for finding the money to fix the steps. I know I have been a pain in the butt for the past 7-8 months but he appreciates it and Mr. Gutierrez stated it won't be done in the cold weather. Mr. Davis stated I am on the books.

Susan Vitalbo spoke about she is requesting two things from the Borough of Donora council. First, I need a copy of the list of garbage customers so she can update her per capita and occupation evaluation tax bills. Second, I need copies of building permits. I received a notice from the state and to be in compliance I need to have copies of all the construction permits. I need to make sure the permits that increased or decreased the assessed values are added to the assessed value change report. I receive that report monthly from the Washington County Tax Office. This will make sure that the borough and the school district does not get short changed on tax dollars and the tax payers are charged the correct assessed value. Past practice has been ok they were given to me then I am told I don't need them. I am asking council to vote on these two requests first the request for the updated garbage bill list and second, so I can be in compliance with the state for the building permits. Also these two requests will create more tax dollars for the borough. She asked Dennis Fisher if he sent a letter to the assessment office for our duplicates? He replied, yes. And she stated will need a letter to go pick them up. Dennis replied an authorization letter yes, I will do that for you soon.

Jim McDonough spoke to council he had a few questions. Probably along with everyone else in Donora. We saw in the paper about more dumping out at the incinerator. I would like to know was anything ever done with that or what is going on? I want to continue with my questions since I only have 3 minutes to talk. I tried to attend all the budget meetings I could but I did not find it anywhere posted. I thought we were using the Valley Independent when they came back into play but we're not? Mr. Conger said no before the Valley Independent became in existence in May this council voted on record to use the Mon Valley Herald Standard at that time. It was my discussion with Mr. Fishei, in December that we should follow what we put on the books because we were advertising in both papers we were getting charged double. It does not make sense for the tax payers to get hit twice when one advertisement was sufficient. That is on me that Mr. Fisher was instructed to advertise in the Mon Valley Herald as per voted on by this council. Mr. McDonough asked if there was any way it can be brought up again. The paper with constant circulation is the Mon Valley Independent. I made a phone call the other day and there are 62 subscriptions of Herald Standard in Donora. The Valley Independent which has over 200 subscriptions. I wanted to make it to all of them and one meeting was cancelled. I have a lot of questions about the budget and I am sorry I wasn't here for those. I received my bill that was brought forth by council last year for landlord fees. Whenever that was imposed last year took in \$23,000 and that was supposed to be towards demolition fees. Am I correct? Mr. Szakal stated it goes into the general fund. Ms. Polkabila stated you can't direct revenue like that. Mr. McDonough said when we asked what that would be used for we were told it would go towards demolition fees, for beautifying our town. I just want to know how much did you actually use for that? Was there \$23,000 spent in the last year that didn't make it in the budget this year. Mr. Conger asked do you have a copy of this year's budget? Jim replied, I sure do. Mr. Conger we have them on display upstairs for anyone that wants to see it. I am asking what was spent last year on demolition. Mr. Conger stated a little over \$11,000. Jim M. stated you took in \$23,000 extra starting in April. Ms. Polkabila stated that is just for dumping fees. That

doesn't take in account everyone's wages while they are tearing it down. Jim asked before you passed the landowner fee where that money all went? Ms. Polkabila stated we budgeted in money. In the past year you budgeted money to take down houses. A continued discussion about this by other councilman and Jim McDonough. Mr. Coulter stated come down in a week and I will give you an answer. Jim McDonough said I still want an answer about the incinerator site. Mr. Coulter advised him that Mr. Durka was asked to help tear down the current memorial because they are putting in a new memorial. What happened was Mr. Durka was told he could dump on the right side. And allowed to use like concrete, like blocks for clean fill. Mr. Durka didn't hear what was told to him and he dumped some dirt there too. The DEP is checking into and we have a person in a black truck going up there on borough property and grabbing stuff and calling the DEP. It was clean fill. They just don't want nothing dumped up there right now until they complete everything. They were up there today in fact and it was good. They were just doing a follow up. Mr. McDonough stated let me clarify something the person was me. It is my black dodge truck. When I heard that someone was dumping up there I went up there. I went up to see who it was. I am concerned this is by my house and it is inside borough limits. I was promised by council that this would not happen again. And whenever I asked them exactly what happened I was told they didn't know. The other thing that was told to me by council at the last meeting the soil was tested and they have all kind of results from it. Mr. Coulter said I can tell you it was tested and it was 150% clean. Mr. Pavelko stated the DEP hasn't come back with their results. Mr. McDonough stated I spoke to the DEP and let me clarify something I did not call the DEP. The DEP called me. Whenever they called me and I asked them I just said I want you to know about this and we were told it was tested and it is good clean fill. And I understand it is nothing more than impeding the bottom. I was advised it is called due diligence to make sure any soils or spoils have to be put in a certain place. I then asked if it was tested and they said no that is not true. They said no testing have come back yet. Mr. Coulter stated get with Timmy Durka tomorrow and we will show you that the test that came back that was sent to the DEP that shows the dirt was completely cleaned. Mr. Pavelko stated I have the copy of that report and it was dated April 8, 1993. And 2010 the levels were changed and brought down and in 2014 the DEP adopted a state mandated schedule of arsenic, chromium and all the pollutants. And those have been dropped. So that 1993 report does not hold any water any longer. Mr. Coulter said the report I am telling you about Mr. Amati sent out that dirt for a study by this company and it was \$4,000 to have done and it came back completely 100% clean. Jim McDonough asked but nothing came back from the DEP yet? Mr. Coulter said no, no, no, no. Mr. Coulter said, if you want to you can ask Tim Durka for a copy of the printout that came back from the soil. Mr. McDonough said I will do that. Thank you for that. One last thing I read in the paper regarding a part-time officer that there was some type of problem. Maybe I am looking at this differently but our full-time police force that caught that and our cameras helped with the investigation. We are quick to jump on the band wagon to bash things. At the end of the day our police officers did what was right and didn't protect each other. They did what was right for our town. It was our FT police force that took care of that. Thank you to Superintendent Brice. Thank anybody that was involved. Mr. Szakal stated he wanted to chime in about one thing you talked about. I took an ear beaten about that dumping this week. There was no way shape or form that anybody on council that knew about the dumping this week. We did not know about the memorial was being demoed until after it all happened. I want to say and anybody can speak right now so it is clear with council that there is no dumping at the incinerator. Nobody... on the left on the right in the middle or above...none. Mr. McDonough stated just like the police force that made a very hard call. It was leadership that took charge. What has been done about it? Whenever it is three times in a row when we look that bad. This is Donora we hold our era, and our soil with high regard. I just want to know you are leaders. Mr. Gutierrez interrupted him and said his three minutes are up.

Jason White staff for Bud Cook spoke to council about a district office set up in Bentleyville. Across from McDonalds. They are looking to put a satellite office in Donora so we can be able to assist you directly. If anybody has any questions or concerns to contact them. He discussed current issues Bud Cook is working on.

Yancy Taylor spoke to council about Dr. Polkabila saying some things that touched me about Ray Amatangelo. Jim McDonough being the growth of Donora. Staff being a family. Dennis Fisher has done a great job and thanked him for his service.

### **Finance**

Mr. Conger read the Tax Collector's Report for December 2016. Seconded by Mr. Conger. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, and Mr. Szakal, Ayes: (5): Nays: (0) Absent: (2) Mr. Shawley and Mrs. Trozzo. Motion carried

Mr. Conger read the Bill Report for December 2016. Mr. Conger made a motion to accept the December Bill Report. Seconded by Mr. Coulter. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, and Mr. Szakal, Ayes: (5): Nays: (0) Absent: (2) Mr. Shawley and Mrs. Trozzo. Motion carried.

Mr. Conger read the Treasurer's Report for December 2016. Mr. Conger made a motion to accept the December Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Mrs. Szakal. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, and Mr. Szakal, Ayes: (5): Nays: (0) Absent: (2) Mr. Shawley and Mrs. Trozzo. Motion carried.

Mr. Conger read the Payroll Report for December 2016.

Mr. Conger made a motion to approve the passage of Resolution #2017-01 concerning the issuance of a PNC Bank \$130,000.00 tax and revenue anticipation note series 2017 having an annual interest rate of 1.91% and a maturity date of December 31, 2017 by authorizing the Donora Borough Council President to execute the resolution. Seconded by Mr. Szakal. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, and Mr. Szakal, Ayes: (5): Nays: (0) Absent: (2) Mr. Shawley and Mrs. Trozzo. Motion carried.

Mr. Conger made a motion to approve to give all department heads a 3% raise in the 2017 as discussed at a work session and included in the budget. Seconded by Mr. Coulter. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, and Mr. Szakal, Ayes: (5): Nays: (0) Absent: (2) Mr. Shawley and Mrs. Trozzo. Motion carried.

Mr. Szakal stated he thought some people didn't want a raise they opted out? Mr. Coulter they can give it back. God Bless em.

Mr. Conger made a motion to employ Warren Cicconni of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania as interim/no benefits @\$5,000 per month until a new administrator is employed. Seconded by Mr. Coulter. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, and Mr. Szakal, Ayes: (5): Nays: (0) Absent: (2) Mr. Shawley and Mrs. Trozzo. Motion carried.

### **Health, Sanitation and Code Enforcement**

Ms. Polkabila read the Refuse Report for December 2016 for Mr. Shawley.

Ms. Polkabila read the Shawley read the Code Enforcement Report for December 2016.

Ms. Polkabila read the Landlord Registration & Occupancy Report for December 2016.

### **Recreation**

Ms. Polkabila read the Park Rental Report for December 2016.

### **Community Affairs and Municipal Building**

Ms. Polkabila read the Banquet Hall Report for December 2016.

### **Highways and Street Lights**

Mr. Coulter made a motion to approve a handicap parking space and sign for Mildred Price of 126 McKean Avenue pending verification of the proof of her disability and the submission of \$50.00 towards the cost of the sign. Seconded by Mr. Conger. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, and Mr. Szakal, Ayes: (5): Nays: (0) Absent: (2) Mr. Shawley and Mrs. Trozzo. Motion carried.

Mr. Coulter made a motion to approve an agreement between West Penn Power, a First Energy Company, and the Borough of Donora to replace all 637 street lamps throughout the Borough with energy efficient LED fixtures at no cost to the Borough to implement a federal mandate concerning the conservation of electrical energy generation by authorizing the Donora Council President to execute the agreement. Seconded by Mr. Szakal. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, and Mr. Szakal, Ayes: (5): Nays: (0) Absent: (2) Mr. Shawley and Mrs. Trozzo. Motion carried.

### **Public Satety**

Mr. Szakal read the Police Report for December 2016.

Mr. Szakal made a motion to hire Bruce Alan Tooch JR of 137 State Street, Midland, PA as a part-time police officer. Seconded by Mr. Conger. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, and Mr. Szakal, Ayes: (5): Nays: (0) Absent: (2) Mr. Shawley and Mrs. Trozzo. Motion carried.

Mr. Szakal commended Superintendent Jim Brice and the police department for a good job this week. Someone in the crowd asked if they drug test and Mr. Szakal said yes it is in the contract.

### **President of Council**

Mr. Gutierrez spoke about a Town Hall Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 6 PM with Dr. Bullock from CCAC to discuss future plans of CCAC. That is solely for this purpose. He urges anyone that is interested to attend.

Mr. Gutierrez spoke about we had an executive session before the meeting to discuss personnel matters.

Mr. Gutierrez advised to accept the minutes from the last few meetings.

Mr. Gutierrez spoke about Yancy Taylor accepting the sewage board position and representing us.

### **Mavor's Report**

Mr. Pavelko spoke about the past few months have been rough with losing former mayors and our solicitor.

Mr. Pavelko spoke about the upcoming Town Hall Meeting on Jan. 17, 2017 and the future of CCAC.

Mr. Pavelko spoke about in August about DEP gave a mandated clean up. This is the third time they came in. If they have to come in this is going to cost a lot of money for the borough. Nothing has been done about it.

### **Public Officials**

### **Old Business**

**New Business**

Mr. Szakal spoke about is a motion needed to approve the request of the reports that Susan Vitalbo needed. Ms. Polkabra stated wouldn't that be a record request. Mr. Szakal stated are we all agreeing on these items she requested? Council agreed and Mr. Szakal stated please make a note of that.

**Announcements for the public meeting:**

A town meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 6PM in the borough social hall. Present will be Dr. Bullock, President of CCAC. He will address the audience concerning the construction proposal plans for the creation of a Community College of Allegheny County extension campus within the Donora Borough.

The Crisis Center Hotline Number is (724) 225-3584

**ADJOURNMENT: 6:44 PM**

A Regular Council Meeting of the Donora Borough Council was held on February 9, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Donora Municipal Complex. The meeting was called to order by Dennis Gutierrez and following by The Pledge of Allegiance the Mr. Gutierrez said a prayer. The following members were present at roll call: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Absent was Ms. Polkabila. Also present were Mayor Donald Pavelko, Interim Administrator/Secretary/ Treasurer Warren Ceccone, Superintendent James Brice and Borough Solicitor Justin Walsh.

### **Opening of Bids**

No bids to open.

### **Public Address**

Irving Tartt of 259 Thompson Avenue spoke to council about a retaining wall by my house about 8 foot high with 4 foot chicken fence. That is a 4 yards from a gas meter. Going down steps halfway. It is falling. He understands if it falls you fix it. In this situation laws are meant to be changed. Things that got you by yesterday will not get you by today. A few years ago on the news there was a gas explosion from a fence. My life is on the line and also the lady living with me. This needs to be looked at. If this wall falls a '4 of that yard will be in my yard. I am scared that this wall will fall and I will be in it. I am here to address this with council. He showed council pictures and Mr. Shawley stated he will tell Mr. Durka since he is not here and he will have him take a look at it. If it falls my house will be damaged and I have to come up with a \$500 deductible to have it fixed. My house is in danger and so is my life. Mr. Conger asked if the house was occupied and Mr. Tartt said yes Mike lives there. A councilman stated it will be looked at. Mr. Tartt stated you council made John Cupper. he took property he had to remove it and an old road and the guy put a fence up in the alley. A fire truck could never get through there. He did that for his dogs. Mr. Gutierrez advised Dale can you look into it.

Chantel Bey President and founder of Strive for a Better Tomorrow spoke to council regarding we have fed children's minds and souls with providing lunches and they did indoor and outdoor activities. They also have done other program to help families and children in need. We having several fundraisers for locals and one will be at Dairy Queen from 1-4 for someone who lost everything and a 3 year old girl who has cancer. We are planning a Blood Drive through Central Blood Bank and Flea Market on March 18 from 9AM — 2PM. Part of the proceeds are going to Alyssa Duck who has stage 2-3 Kidney disease and Rena Alford who is battling stage 4 Breast Cancer and other issues. If you would like to make a donation or get a table for the flea market please let me know. If you would like to make a donation we will give you a slip for a tax write off. We will have flyers for upcoming fundraisers. Thank you.

Jim McDonough spoke to council about a few things I would to bring up. Your meetings are in the paper correct? Council replied yes. The work sessions we are allowed to attend them but we just can't speak correct? Council replied yes. I try to attend every meeting I can to stay on top of everything that is going on. I tried to attend a work session meeting that was posted and but all the doors were locked and had to gain access by the building thankfully a police officer let me in. I was told by council you knew about it. Mr. Conger stated he did not know that there were news media and other people that got in. Mr. Coulter asked who did you tell that to? Mr. McDonough stated Council, I believe it was Ms. Polkabila that said it but she isn't here tonight for me to address it with her. It was really strange how others were in but the doors were locked. I would like to know why I have been targeted lately and would like to know why? If any of you would like to speak then I would love hear it. Mr. Coulter it has been known to me that you wanted me arrested? Mr. Coulter stated no. Then did you want me cited? Mr. Coulter said yes for trespassing at the incinerator. Mr. McDonough stated oh I understand. I want to tell you like I did that evening. I am a concerned citizen but when council states they do not want any more dumping. I am not up there to do anything illegally activity nor trespassing. 1. There is no signs visible. 2. I was not asked to leave. The police cameras clearly show that. I just want to bring it to your attention. Because you told me there is to be no more dumping up there. So if anyone goes in there. I am sorry I will go up and stop any nuisance activity that I can and make police aware of it. Mr. Coulter stated I understand where you are coming from. just like you have a private property and there was

someone that would trespass on that you wouldn't want it. Mr. McDonough stated there was any illegal activity then please enter my property and tell me and the police. I will even thank you. My last comment Mr. Coulter, was I trespassing any other time on borough properties? Mr. Coulter stated, I don't think so I was contacted by the police and the borough employees that you did. Mr. McDonough stated sir I asked the borough employees after I heard you may want me cited and I also contacted the police because if I felt I had any illegal activities I would render myself to his services. The problem here is we reviewed the tapes and it clearly shows that I entered, I told them exactly who I was, why I was there, and I have Donora's best interest at heart. I then went down to the borough building and talked to the two gentlemen that were in the truck and they said no it was a very nice meeting and we were told them you stopped up and heard we weren't supposed to dump. No one said anything otherwise. Sir please don't pursue anything more on me. Mr. Coulter interrupted him and said Jim you are turning this into something your twisting something. What is says up there is no trespassing. Mr. McDonough stated where does it say that sir. Mr. Coulter, There is a sign on the gates it does there is a no trespassing sign up there. A lady from the crowd stated if the gates are open you can't see the sign I think there are a lot of people who dump up there. Mr. Coulter stated the gates are closed when the employees go up in there they weren't authorized to dump the block or the dirt. We are not saying that. We are saying that is being handled in house. We didn't need someone else going up there to get involved. That's all I am saying. Councilmen and crowd were talking over each other at this time. Mr. Coulter stated if you would have fallen or gotten hurt we would have been sued. Mr. McDonough stated sir what I am telling you is there is illegal activity according to what you say there was and that is part of the whistle blower act. Mr. Coulter stated no the whistle blower act is when you are employed. Mr. McDonough stated oh that is for fiduciary value. You are absolutely right. Whenever it comes to anything environmental that is completely... Councilmen and Mr. McDonough were speaking over each other. Mr. McDonough stated whenever I am reporting against someone that has nothing to do with the 3 minutes does not count against me. Mr. Gutierrez stated well it does. You can certainly call someone to let them know there is someone at the sight. Don't enter the property. Call the police call council. How long are we going to talk about this? Mr. McDonough said I did both sir. Several councilmen and Mr. McDonough were speaking over each other. Mr. Gutierrez stated your only agenda is to stir things up. Why don't you start thinking of about the town for once? Mr. Pavelko we have a problem with liability up there how does a triaxle dump truck that does not work for or have anything to do for the borough up there I think it was yesterday? Council and Mr. McDonough were speaking over each other. Mr. McDonough stated I am doing stuff for this town. Mr. Conger stated, Jim, can I say one thing. Mr. McDonough stated No, sir it's a public address. May, I please carry on. I only have 3 minutes. Council was speaking over each other. Whenever you asked what my agenda for Donora. I bought properties. I am renovating them. I am doing everything I can. I hold you accountable for whenever I see something wrong I want to bring it to your attention. Mr. Conger stated that is the problem Jim, you did not bring it to our attention. You went to the DEP and you put this town and all these people in jeopardy. The crowd was yelling over Mr. Conger. Council did not know anything about this. You come to us and we would've went up with you immediately and tried to get it taken care of. That's what you should've done not what you did. Mr. McDonough stated Councilman, I did not go to the DEP they contacted me. Mr. Conger said the last meeting you said you did. Mr. McDonough stated let me clear that up. They contacted me. Mr. Conger you said they contacted you then you also stated you contacted them. I am just taken you at your word. Mr. McDonough stated I would love to have council back someone from the community. Mr. Conger said Jim I back you all the time. But I can't back you when you are wrong. Mr. McDonough said Sir, I am not wrong what is happening up there is wrong. Mr. Conger stated let me tell you something, I had a lawsuit against this borough over a year ago because some of these people tried to cut my throat. Did I do it? No! I was elected by these people to save the borough money. To try and help this this borough get ahead. That's why I am here. You go to the DEP and put us in jeopardy. You said right here, I point this out to you which you never pointed out to me. Or I would have been right up at the dump with you side by side. We would've road up in my vehicle and we would've got this straightened out right then and there. You did not do that sir. A gentleman from the crowd interrupted stated Mr. Conger you're telling us you got proof that he called the DEP? Mr. Conger he admitted it last meeting. Someone stated he said they contacted him. Several people were talking over each other. Mr. Szakal said stated out of everybody in Donora they said I am going to call Jimmy McDonough. Mr. McDonough then stated, No I will tell you exactly

what happened. Whenever this first happened and I was sitting here and there was a newspaper article and you announced there was some type of dumping up there and the DEP was involved and I asked what dumping are you doing? And afterwards they asked me what did I mean and I said I was concerned because I live right by there. I don't want that to happen. Then the DEP came into town they talked to me and then they called me. Then I did call them back but it wasn't to do anything initial. And besides what difference does it make if it is. If it is an illegal act it should be noted. Either way and that day. Mr. Conger intempted saying the difference is Jim you put this Borough of Donora and this whole town under the gun. You're wrong. Then someone yelled the person that is doing the illegal dumping put this town in jeopardy. That is who put this borough in jeopardy. Mr. Gutierrez shouted we aren't getting anywhere with this. You have been up here for ten minutes. You will go on for ten more. That's enough! You didn't accomplish anything. You said what you wanted to say. Mr. McDonough it's not all I wanted to say. Mr. Gutierrez yelled then come back again. You used up ten minutes. Mr. McDonough stated I didn't use up any time. I didn't dump anything. I didn't do anything against this town. I lived here all my life in Donora. Mr. Gutierrez stated you just come here to argue and start trouble. Mr. McDonough stated it is not to start trouble. Well work with us I am asking you to work with me. Mrs. Trozzo stated this is under investigation. We shouldn't be talking about this. Mr. McDonough stated it wasn't meant to be brought up and I was attacked by a councilman. Several council and crowd were talking over one another. Unable to hear audio.

### **Finance**

Mr. Conger read the Bill Report for January 2017. Mr. Conger made a motion to accept the December Bill Report. Seconded by Mrs. Trozzo. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Mr. Szakal, Mr. Shawley, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (6): Nays: (0) Absent: (1) Ms. Polkabila. Motion carried.

Mr. Conger read the Tax Collector's Report for January 2017. Seconded by Mr. Shawley. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Mr. Szakal, Mr. Shawley, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (6): Nays: (0) Absent: Ms. Polkabila (1). Motion carried.

Mr. Conger read the Treasurer's Report for January 2017. Mr. Conger made a motion to accept the January Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Mrs. Shawley. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Mr. Szakal, Mr. Shawley, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (6): Nays: (0) Absent: (1) Ms. Polkabila. Motion carried.

Mr. Conger read the Payroll Report for January 2017.

Mr. Conger made a motion to approve the Ordinance #1382 Fixing the Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year 2017. Tax rate of 3.762 mills. 0.125 mills for Fire Protection Services. 0.2149 mills Recreation. 0.031 mills Library. \$3.00 Occupation Evaluation Tax. 0.063 mills Mercantile/Business Privilege. 0.094 mills. Seconded by Mrs. Trozzo. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Mr. Szakal, Mr. Shawley, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (6): Nays: (0) Absent: (1) Ms. Polkabila. Motion carried.

Mr. Conger made a motion to approve Resolution #2017-02. The office of Tax Collectors of the Borough of Donora shall be subject to an election in the municipal election of 2018 at which time eligible persons shall be elected to those offices for four (4) year term; and Tax Collector shall collect tax rate of 2.4% for 2018, 2.6% for 2019, 2.8 for 2020 & 2021. Seconded by Mr. Szakal. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Mr. Szakal, Mr. Shawley, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (6): Nays: (0) Absent: (1) Ms. Polkabila. Motion carried.



**Death, Sanitation and Code Enforcement**

Mr. Shawley read the Refuse Report for January 2017

Mr. Shawley read the Code Enforcement Report for January 2017.

Mr. Shawley read the Landlord Registration & Occupancy Report for January 2017.

**Recreation**

Mr. Shawley read the Park Rental Report for January 2017.

Mr. Shawley made a motion to approve Gannet Fleming bill dated 1/30/17 for consulting work in the Donora Place Plan Sewer Extension Plan for \$104.94. Seconded by Mr. Conger. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Mr. Szakal, Mr. Shawley, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (6): Nays: (0) Absent: (1) Ms. Polkabila. Motion carried.

**Community Affairs and Municipal Building**

Mrs. Trozzo read the Banquet Hall Report for January 2017.

Mrs. Trozzo made a motion to approve a new phone contract for the Borough's Administration offices from Davis & Davis for \$4,134.00. Seconded by Mr. Shawley. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Mr. Szakal, Mr. Shawley, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (6): Nays: (0) Absent: (1) Ms. Polkabila. Motion carried.

**Dighways and Street Liehts**

Mr. Coulter made a motion to approve a handicap parking space and sign for George Cervanka of 439 Fourth Street pending verification of the proof of his disability. Seconded by Mr. Szakal. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, and Mr. Szakal, Ayes: (5): Nays: (0) Absent: (2) Mr. Shawley and Mrs. Trozzo. Motion carried.

Mr. Coulter made a motion to approve Amendment No. 8 for Consulting Services with Gannett Fleming in the amount of \$2,000.00 and to authorize the Council President to sign the Amendment. Seconded by Conger. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Mr. Szakal, Mr. Shawley, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (6): Nays: (0) Absent: (1) Ms. Polkabila. Motion carried.

Mr. Coulter stated the road crew did a great job. There was a few accidents. Nothing major. They did a good job.

**Public Safety**

Mr. Szakal read the Police Report for January 2017.

Mr. Szakal made a motion to approve the hiring of Chris Gaskill & Isaac Petrosky as Part-time Turn Keys at the hourly rate of \$8.25 per hour with no benefits. Seconded by Mr. Shawley. Mr. Gutierrez stated at the work shop council agreed to have a rotation for Turn-keys that have been on the list before. They are Wally Fronzaglio and Bill Ferguson. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Mr. Szakal, Mr. Shawley, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (6): Nays: (0) Absent: (1) Ms. Polkabila. Motion carried.

**President of Council**

Mr. Gutierrez approved the minutes from the last meeting.

Mr. Gutierrez stated after the last work session they had an executive session.

**favor's Report**

Mr. Pavelko spoke about the upcoming Town Hall Meeting on Feb. 21, 2017 the consultants from CCAC will be here to discuss CCAC. Everyone is urged to attend.

Mr. Pavelko spoke about Mrs. Bey by thanking her for stepping up and doing what you do.

Mr. Pavelko spoke about the incinerator and the gentleman asking questions. He thought no meant no. Mr. Coulter clarified that no dumping but they can take millings and salt from there.

Mr. Pavelko stated he will not be seeking re-election this year. I will serve the Borough of Donora as I have always done for the past 17 years. I am retiring from public service as of December 31, 2017. In the words of John Lewis, Civil rights leader of our time, House of Representative leader. Get out and vote. You have a power to vote and I will be supporting Mr. McDonough as Mayor. We need someone a young person in here with the gumption, with something at stake, and I believe Mr. McDonough will be the right person who can fill my position.

**Public Officials****Old Business****New Business****Announcements for the public meeting:**

Mr. Gutierrez stated the borough is having drug hearings hosted by Bud Cook at the borough. Mr. Pavelko stated it is not open to the public it is by invite only and must RSVP. It will be held on Mon. Feb. 13 at 10 AM.

Mr. Gutierrez announced State Reps office is working on some project with us on a river launch and create recreation. Serve for the fireman to use for a rescue. We are looking into that and make headway with that.

Also the State Rep's office is hosting a Mon Valley Clean-up Day on Friday, April 21, 2017. This will be advertised.

And tomorrow the State Rep is bringing in an engineer to look at the incinerator to improve the site. Palmer Park for a bicycle trail.

The Crisis Center Hotline Number is (724) 225-3584

**ADJOURNMENT: 6:52 PM**

A Regular Council Meeting of the Donora Borough Council was held on March 9, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Donora Municipal Complex. The meeting was called to order by Dennis Gutierrez and following by The Pledge of Allegiance then Mr. Gutierrez had Pastor Holmes say a prayer. The following members were present at roll call: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Also present were Interim Administrator/Secretary/ Treasurer Warren Ceccone, Superintendent James Brice and Borough Solicitor Justin Walsh. Tim Durka, Mike Petroske, Patsy Vince and Mayor Pavelko were absent.

### **Opening of Bids**

No bids to open.

### **Public Address**

Chantel Bey President and founder of Strive for a Better Tomorrow spoke to council regarding. She wanted to thank council for giving her the opportunity to have this event. We are planning a Blood Drive through Central Blood Bank and Flea Market on March 18 from 9AM — 2PM. Part of the proceeds are going to Alyssa Duck who has stage 2-3 Kidney disease and Rena Alford who is battling stage 4 Breast Cancer and other issues. Mr. Conger commented how successful her fundraiser and Dairy Queen was. Thank you.

### **Finance**

Mr. Conger read the Bill Report for February 2017. Mr. Conger made a motion to accept the Bill Report. Seconded by Mr. Shawley. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (7): Nays: (0) Absent: (0). Motion carried.

Mr. Conger read the Treasurer's Report for February 2017. Mr. Conger made a motion to accept the February Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Mr. Shawley. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Szakal, Mr. Shawley, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (7): Nays: (0) Absent: (0). Motion carried.

Mr. Conger read the Payroll Report for February 2017.

Mr. Conger made a motion to approve the Resolution 2017-3 for records disposition. Seconded by Mr. Szakal. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (7): Nays: (0) Absent: (0). Motion carried.

Mr. Conger made a motion to approve the request to return the fire escrow account of 740 Thompson Avenue to Todd Lash in the amount of \$24,632.93. Seconded by Mrs. Trozzo. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (7): Nays: (0) Absent: (0). Motion carried.

Mr. Conger made a motion to approve the minutes of council meeting from Feb. 9, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Shawley. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (7): Nays: (0) Absent: (0). Motion carried.

### **Health, Sanitation and Code Enforcement**

Mr. Shawley read the Refuse Report for February 2017.

Mr. Shawley read the Code Enforcement Report for February 2017.

Mr. Shawley read the Landlord Registration & Occupancy Report for February 2017.

**Recreation**

Ms. Polkabila read the Park Rental Report for February 2017.

**Community Affairs and Municipal Building**

Mrs. Trozzo made a motion to approve the agreement between RACW & Donora Borough Purchase of Real Property, Seconded by Mr. Conger. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (7): Nays: (0) Absent: (0). Motion carried.

Mrs. Trozzo made a motion to approve the purchase of security cameras for Donora Elementary School of \$2,200.00. Seconded by Mr. Shawley. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (7): Nays: (0) Absent: (0). Motion carried.

Mrs. Trozzo commended the police department and Chief Brice for identifying and locating the kids that broke into the school on two separate occasions. The kids and family will have to pay restitution and will do community service hours this summer at the school.

Mrs. Trozzo made a motion to approve the cancellation community improvement project of the cleaning of the Donora Borough building CD-15-09 project. Seconded by Mr. Szakal. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (7): Nays: (0) Absent: (0). Motion carried.

Mrs. Trozzo read the Banquet Hall Report for February 2017.

**Highways and Street Lights**

Mr. Coulter made a motion to approve the agreement of Donora Borough & Sonya Cialone for sale & purchase of property. Seconded by Mr. Shawley. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (7): Nays: (0) Absent: (0). Motion carried.

**Public Safety**

Mr. Szakal read the Police Report for February 2017.

Mr. Szakal made a motion to approve the updated version of Metro Alert in the amount of \$2,550.00. Seconded by Mr. Shawley. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (7): Nays: (0) Absent: (0). Motion carried.

Mr. Szakal made a motion to approve Officer Haines secondary employment. Seconded by Mrs. Trozzo. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (7): Nays: (0) Absent: (0). Motion carried.

Mr. Szakal make a motion for the hiring of Part-time police officer Gregory Respress wages are outlined in the police bargaining agreement. Seconded by Mr. Conger. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (7): Nays: (0) Absent: (0). Motion carried.

**President of Council**

Mr. Gutierrez stated after the last meeting and also after the last work session they had an executive session.

Mayor's Report

Mr. Pavelko was absent.

Public Officials

Nothing to report

Old BusinessNew Business

Mr. Conger stated we haven't been able to get all the information to all of councilmen yet but we met with the state representative and the secretary of the department conservation and natural resources and they would like to make Palmer Park as a trail head in a 75 mile walking/bike trail project that will accomplice Monongahela River and also cut through the county rail to trails. We toured sites today in Marianna, Bentleyville, and the Cokeburg dam. They will need us to apply for a grant but we will have to check with our solicitor. We should have that information in a month. It will not cost the borough anything. It should cost around \$60,000. Half will be from community affairs and Marianna Sportsman's. We were there today so Donora will have the lead on it and Palmer Park is the best site for this. It is the early stages but it looks like a promising thing. Recreation brings people in and keeps people here. Hopefully council can get together in the next 30 days and approve this. Thank you that is all I have.

Mr. Gutierrez spoke about being included along with Mr. Shawley but he had a prior obligation. We met with Cindy Dunn. She works out of Harrisburg as the secretary of the Conservation and Natural Resources. This is coming from our state rep's office. He is showing a great interest for our community. Donora will be the nicest trail head. We can get some tourist & bike traffic. Just like Ms. Polkabra look what it had done for West Newton for the tourist and restaurant business. There are a lot of plans and it is going to take a lot of work. We hope to get some students to sit with us and be a part of the local government. We are still looking at the Gilmore Cemetery project. The river launch project. Just to mention a few. Mr. Conger spoke about a floating dock and possibly a floating restaurant. This is just one of a few things that I am excited for. Mr. Gutierrez stated this is the home of champions let's see if we are champions. There is a great deal of opportunities.

Announcements for the public meeting:

The Crisis Center Hotline Number is (724) 225-3584

ADJOURNMENT: 6:40 PM

A Special Council Meeting of the Donora Borough Council was held on April 6, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Donora Municipal Complex. The meeting was called to order by Dennis Gutierrez and following by The Pledge of Allegiance. The following members were present at roll call: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Also present were Interim Administrator/Secretary/ Treasurer Warren Cecconi, Superintendent James Brice, Mayor Pavelko, and Borough Solicitor Justin Walsh. Tim Durka, Mike Petroske, Patsy Vince and were absent.

#### Opening of Bids

No bids to open.

#### **Public Address**

#### Finance

Mr. Conger made a motion to hire John Bedner as the Borough Administrator, Secretary, Treasurer at an annual salary of \$45,000 with no health care, dental, or vision. All other benefits provided will be the same as the Bookkeeper's if eligible for these benefits. Starting date will be Monday, April 10, 2017 pending a satisfactory evaluation after a 90 day probationary period. Seconded by Mr. Shawley. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (6): Mr. Gutierrez. Nays: (1) Absent: (0). Motion carried.

#### **Health, Sanitation and Code Enforcement**

#### Recreation

#### **Community Affairs and Municipal Building**

#### **Highways and Street Lights**

#### Public Safety

#### President of Council

#### Mayor's Report

#### Public Officials

#### **Old Business**

#### New Business

#### **Announcements for the public meeting:**

The Crisis Center Hotline Number is (724) 225-3584

**ADJOURNMENT: 5:40 PM**

A Regular Council Meeting of the Donora Borough Council was held on April 12, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Donora Municipal Complex. The meeting was called to order by Dennis Gutierrez and following by The Pledge of Allegiance then Mr. Gutierrez had John Conger say a prayer. The following members were present at roll call: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, and Mrs. Trozzo. Mr. Coulter and Mr. Szakal were absent. Also present were Interim Administrator/Secretary/ Treasurer Warren Cecconi, Borough Administrator, Secretary, Treasurer, John Bedner, Superintendent James Brice, Borough Solicitor Justin Walsh, and Mayor Pavelko. Tim Durka, Mike Petroske, & Patsy Vince were absent.

### **Onenine of Bids**

No bids to open.

### **Public Address Agends Items:**

Jim McDonough spoke to council about speaking about agenda items first and he was sorry because it was never explained on how to do it. Mr. McDonough questioned the agreement for consulting services at the incinerator site. You have to forgive me but we just got the agenda. Mr. Cecconi stated he will explain this Mr. President and this is for next phase to attend the meetings to discuss a plan for the removal of the dirt. We are splitting this with Retal 50/50. It was \$6200 and we are splitting it \$31/31 with Retal. Mr. McDonough questioned where is the funds coming from? Mr. Cecconi advised somewhere in the budget because the state is mandating us to do this. Mr. McDonough stated the tax payers are paying for this? Mr. Cecconi stated yes it is coming out of the budget. And CDBG what is that? Mr. Cecconi explained it is Community Development Block Grant money. Not sure if you are aware of the upcoming changes at national level that the President Trump is wanting to eliminate this money and the borough is sending a letter to get the Congressman on board to support the need for CBDG money. With this money we do road paving, support the fire department, storm drains, and sewer jobs. Ms. Polkabila explained to Jim that this money goes to the county level for the borough to apply for when requested. The roof at the street department garage needs replaced and a discussion took place by several councilmen explaining to Mr. McDonough the process of getting an estimate for the money needed to replace this roof. This is the only couple questions I have. Thank you.

### **Public Address Non —Agenda Items:**

Judy Suppo of Manor Road made a phone call to Colgan Agency about the military banners and they stated they are not doing it anymore to call the Legion. She called Mr. Gnora at the Legion and he said call the borough. She said prior years we paid a little extra to have my father in law's flag placed in front of our business. Ms. Polkabila stated council is not aware of this. Cindy Brice stated he decided this year he didn't want to be involved and he was going to contact the legion to take this over. Judy Suppo stated the other years the borough puts up the banners and Ms. Polkabila stated the borough will still put the banners up. Cindy Brice I don't think they are putting them in particular places anymore due to the time involved. Mrs. Suppo said they paid a fee other years for this and I was ok with this. I would like to talk to someone about ideas but do not know who to talk to. Mr. Conger stated I thought the money went to the legion for a veteran organization? Someone stated the money went towards the parade last year. Mrs. Suppo said she will help if she can and was advised to contact Colgan Agency. Mr. Shawley stated he is going to talk to Tim about this and let her know.

Jim McDonough spoke to council about one councilman ask about the order of the meeting. Why did you change it? Mr. Conger stated mainly it was changed because of you I will tell you the truth. That day you charged the meeting and went crazy and I had to adjourn that meeting, it cost the borough extra money to get it put in ahh.... Mr. McDonough stated I am sorry wait I charged you? Mr. Brice aren't these all recorded? Would we please have the video so we can see that I charged the stand and let me know how I charged the stand? Mr. Conger stated you ran up here yelling and screaming. Mr. Shawley was I ever loud and screaming. Mr. Shawley stated you were a little loud at one point but nothing.....someone in the crowd interrupted. Several people were talking and audio unclear to hear. Justin Walsh spoke about the process of the work session and public meeting. Mr. McDonough stated he was told he wasn't allowed to speak at a work session. Ms. Polkabila? Mrs. Trozzo? Mr. Gutierrez? Mrs. Trozzo stated that is what I was always told. Mr.

McDonough stated I am sorry you were threatened by my presence and no I am not grand standing....change the meeting back so we can speak. .. several others were talking over him. Audio was not clear. Someone in the crowd spoke about council being voted and you can't get along. Do you even think about the youth! Do something for the youth! We have talented youth. Do something positive. Will any of you be at the Easter Egg Hunt out the park? Mrs. Trozzo stated we do help the youth. We support the youth by supporting baseball, soccer and many other things. We support the youth. The gentlemen stated all you do is fight. Warren explained the purpose of changing the agenda. To streamline so the people know what is being discussed and the public address was at the end so the public can speak and ask questions. A conversation continued but several were speaking over each other and audio is unclear. Mr. Gutierrez stated Yancey I wanted to start a youth council but I am not getting any participation or interest from others but I haven't had any direction but I want to see this happen. Yancey stated we have to we have a beautiful city and we aren't getting anywhere arguing. Mr. McDonough stated can we go back to the way the agenda was before or post it a few days before. Several councilmen were speaking over each other..Audio unclear. Yancey stated have you looked at our basketball courts or our parks. Council advised we are shorthanded and have a 4 man crew. Yancey stated we have to do something for the community. If the youth are doing something positive it will keep them out of trouble. Mrs. Trozzo we were elected to do a job. We have committees. Let them take care of business. If you have objections don't re-elect that person and call that person that you don't like how things are being done. You can't keep coming to meetings and carry on and sometimes you don't know the full story. And may the people that are elected do and let us take care of business of the borough. These people have to understand that. You have a lot of positions open and elect all new people and do it. Let them do the job they were elected to do. Yancey stated I agree with you and if you are elected to do a job you have to respect council. We have to help the youth. We as a community have to come together and work together.

Someone in the crowd told Mr. Gutierrez that the prisoners used to come and clean up the cemetery. Mr. Gutierrez stated he was aware of that and he looked into that. Years ago Chummy arranged that and he is unable to use them since it is considered private property. I will continue to peck at it and have been looking for volunteers for years and haven't had anyone step forward. I have met a gentleman and he and I will work on it together. Yancey stated a few attended a meeting with Dr. Polkabila, Cindy and I and there is a church that will help. Mr. Gutierrez asked for the contact information and I will contact them.

### **Finance**

Mr. Conger read the Bill Report for March 2017. Mr. Conger made a motion to accept the Bill Report. Seconded by Mr. Shawley. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (5): Nays: (0) Absent: (2) Mr. Coulter and Mr. Szakal. Motion carried.

Mr. Conger read the Treasurer's Report for March 2017. Mr. Conger made a motion to accept the March Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Mr. Shawley A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (5): Nays: (0) Absent: (2) Mr. Coulter and Mr. Szakal. Motion carried.

Mr. Conger read the Payroll Report for March 2017.

Mr. Conger made a motion to approve the minutes of council meetings from Mar. 9, 2017 and the special meeting held on April 6, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Shawley. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (5): Nays: (0) Absent: (2) Mr. Coulter and Mr. Szakal. Motion carried.

Mr. Conger made a motion to approve the solicitor to prepare Ordinance #1383 and advertise the same vacating (paper alley) Mohawk Avenue between 13<sup>th</sup> Street and Van Pelt Avenue. Seconded by Ms. Polkabila. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (5): Nays: (0) Absent: (2) Mr. Coulter and Mr. Szakal. Motion carried



Mr. Conger made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-4 selling vacant lot Parcel # 240-019-00-02-0001-00 on Waddell Avenue to Rosa Garcia at the appraised value of \$1450.00. Seconded by Mr. Shawley. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (5): Nays: (0) Absent: (2) Mr. Coulter and Mr. Szakal. Motion carried.

Mr. Conger made a motion to approve the return of fire escrow for 908 White Drive to Denise Hamer in the amount of \$14,079.96. Seconded by Mr. Trozzo. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (5): Nays: (0) Absent: (2) Mr. Coulter and Mr. Szakal. Motion carried.

Mr. Conger made a motion to approve the return of fire escrow for 516 McCrea Avenue James McDonough, in the amount of \$2,408.57. Seconded by Mr. Shawley. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (5): Nays: (0) Absent: (2) Mr. Coulter and Mr. Szakal. Motion carried

Mr. Conger made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-5 in the support of the Community Development Block Grant funding. Seconded by Mr. Shawley. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (5): Nays: (0) Absent: (2) Mr. Coulter and Mr. Szakal. Motion carried.

### **Health, Sanitation and Code Enforcement**

Mr. Shawley read the Code Enforcement Report for March 2017.

Mr. Shawley read the Landlord Registration & Occupancy Report for March 2017.

Mr. Shawley read the Refuse Report for March 2017.

### **Recreation**

Ms. Polkabila read the Park Rental Report for March 2017.

Ms. Polkabila made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-6 Rails to Trails grant for a feasibility study. Seconded by Mr. Conger. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (5): Nays: (0) Absent: (2) Mr. Coulter and Mr. Szakal. Motion carried.

### **Community Affairs and Municipal Building**

Mrs. Trozzo read the Banquet Hall Report for March 2017.

Mrs. Trozzo made a motion to approve the appointment of Barry Hickman to the Zoning Board with a term expiring August 2019. Seconded by Shawley. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (5): Nays: (0) Absent: (2) Mr. Coulter and Mr. Szakal. Motion carried.

Mrs. Trozzo made a motion to approve the letter of resignation from Kevin Alvarez for planning commission due to him moving out of town. Seconded by Ms. Polkabila. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (5): Nays: (0) Absent: (2) Mr. Coulter and Mr. Szakal. Motion carried.

Mrs. Trozzo made an announcement for vacancy on the planning commission and zoning board. Just submit a letter of interest requesting your interest in being on the board. They do not meet every week or month only when necessary. It's necessary that we have these boards. Anyone who attends these meetings and you are interested let us know. And I am sure others will read it in the paper.

Mrs. Trozzo made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-7 for local match Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority for \$4,759.0 in order to match state funds provided as read. Seconded by Mr. Conger. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (5): Nays: (0) Absent: (2) Mr. Coulter and Mr. Szakal. Motion carried.

Mrs. Trozzo would like to say that building manager Mike Petroske is planning on working on the flower bed at the beginning of town and the water fall at the entrance of the park. He is looking for volunteers to help with the project or donate to this project. This really should be done.

### **Highways and Street Lights**

Mr. Coulter was absent and Mr. Conger read aloud as follows.

Mr. Conger made a motion to approve the allocation of Community Development Block Grant funds for the roof replacement at the public works garage. Seconded by Mrs. Trozzo. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (5): Nays: (0) Absent: (2) Mr. Coulter and Mr. Szakal. Motion carried

Mr. Conger made a motion to approve Amendment #9 for consulting services at the incinerator site. The total cost is \$6,200.00. Retal Industry will pay half at \$3100.00. Seconded by Ms. Polkabila. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (5): Nays: (0) Absent: (2) Mr. Coulter and Mr. Szakal. Motion carried.

Mr. Conger commended the street department on the emergency demolition we had this week. 4 councilmen and our street commissioner were there and we made a decision that it had to come down immediately. I heard the comment it probably wouldn't come down. I wouldn't want to be responsible if someone got hurt. It was moving and came down when we were there. Council made a wise choice to get that down. Thank our crew for a wonderful job and I believe it was cleaned up today.

### **Public Safety**

Mr. Szakal was absent so Mr. Conger read aloud as follows:

Mr. Conger read the Police Report for March 2017.

Mr. Conger made a motion to approve Campbell, Durant, Bailey, Palumbo & Miller PC to provide legal representation regarding special labor council for their engagement fee for agreement letter dated April 10, 2017. This is police negotiations for the upcoming contract. Seconded by Ms. Polkabila. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (5): Nays: (0) Absent: (2) Mr. Coulter and Mr. Szakal. Motion carried.

Mayor Pavelko spoke regarding why is the borough paying for this bill when a certain borough person gave permission to dump up there. Warren Cecconi stated part of the dirt was dumped by the borough and the other was done by Retal. There were 2 parties involved in the dumping so we are required to pay for it. The crowd questioned council on why the borough council voted to pay and who is paying to have it removed. Council advised that they are only paying half.

### **President of Council**

Mr. Gutierrez announced that Clean-up day will be held on Fri. April 21, 2017 10AM — 12PM. If anyone is interested in helping contact the borough building. Also a quick update on Gilmore Cemetery, last week I met with Tom Hewitt from Belle Vernon Cemetery. We spent about 3 hours with equipment cleaning up. If you are interested in helping with the clean-up let me know. A couple hours will help greatly.

**Mavor's Report**

Mayor Pavelko announced that the Donora Smog Commemorative Committee will be having an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 15, 2017 at 12 noon-2PM at the Lignelli Pavilion. There will be face painting and a petting zoo. Kids from birth-5<sup>th</sup> Grade are invited to participate.

**Public Officials**

Nothing to report

**Old Business**

Mrs. Trozzo spoke about the order of the agenda. She stated she feels the other way worked better. I think we should do our thing and then let the people speak. We should let these people talk in the beginning of the meeting so we can work on things before the next meeting and get back to them. Seems to be backwards. Mr. Gutierrez stated I thought you seemed to like the idea of the change. Mrs. Trozzo stated oh no I never made a comment on it. Ms. Polkabra then spoke we let it happen and we let it play out and now maybe it's not such a good idea. Like Mr. McDonough we would probably have answered a lot of his questions. Maybe we should reconsider it. Several councilmen and crowd were speaking over each other.

**New Business****Announcements for the meeting:**

The Crisis Center Hotline Number is (724) 225-3584

**ADJOURNMENT: 7:07 PM**

A Regular Council Meeting of the Donora Borough Council was held on May 11, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Donora Municipal Complex. The meeting was called to order by Dennis Gutierrez and following by The Pledge of Allegiance then Mr. Gutierrez had Mr. Szakal say a prayer. The following members were present at roll call: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal and Mrs. Trozzo. Also present were Borough Administrator, Secretary, Treasurer, John Bedner, Superintendent James Brice and Mayor Pavelko.

### **Opening of Bids**

No bids to open.

### **Public Address Agenda Items:**

#### **Public Address Non —Agenda Items:**

### **Finance**

Mr. Conger made a motion to approve the minutes of council meeting from April 12, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Shawley A vote was taken to the call of roll; Ayes : Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (7): Nays: (0) Absent: (0). Motion carried

Mr. Conger read the Bill Report for April 12, 2017. Mr. Conger made a motion to accept the Bill Report. Seconded by Mr. Szakal. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (7): Nays: (0) Absent: (0). Motion carried.

Mr. Conger read the Treasurer's Report for April 2017. Mr. Conger made a motion to accept the March Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Mr. Shawley A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (7): Nays: (0) Absent: (0). Motion carried.

Mr. Conger read the Payroll Report for April 2017.

Mr. Conger made a motion to approve to adopt Ordinance #1383 vacating (paper alley) Mohawk Avenue between 13<sup>t</sup> Street and Van Pelt Avenue. Seconded by Ms. Coulter. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (7): Nays: (0) Absent: (0). Motion carried

Mr. Conger made a motion to approve to have the Solicitor prepare Resolution 2017-8 selling of two (2) vacant lot Parcel # 240-010-00-03-0015-00 and #240-010-00-03-0016-00 at Tenth Street and Mohawk Alley to Charles Getchey for the total appraised value of \$755.00. Seconded by Mrs. Trozzo. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (7): Nays: (0) Absent: (0). Motion carried.

### **Health Sanitation and Code Enforcement**

Mr. Shawley read the Code Enforcement Report for April 2017.

Mr. Shawley read the Landlord Registration & Occupancy Report for April 2017.

Mr. Shawley read the Refuse Report for April 2017.

Mr. Shawley made a motion to approve the reappointment of Jane Ackerman to the Zoning Board — Term will expire April, 2020. Seconded by Mr. Shawley. A vote was taken to the call of roll; Ayes: Mr. Conger, Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (7): Nays: (0) Absent: (0). Motion carried.

Mr. Shawley made a motion to approve the letter of resignation from Dr. Thomas Williams dated April 23, 2017 from the Planning Commission. Seconded by Mr. Szakal. A vote was taken to the call of roll; Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (7): Nays: (0) Absent: (0). Motion carried

### **Recreation**

Ms. Polkabila read the Park Rental Report for April 2017.

Ms. Polkabila made a motion to approve Love First Inc. use of the Lignelli Pavilion on September 10, 2017 for a fee of \$50.00. Seconded by Mr. Conger. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (7): Nays: (0) Absent: (0). Motion carried.

Ms. Polkabila made a motion to approve to waive the fee for the Mon Valley Youth and Teen Association for the use of Pavilion 1 on July 31, August 1, and August 3 for Day Camp. Seconded by Mr. Coulter. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (7): Nays: (0) Absent: (0). Motion carried

Ms. Polkabila made a motion to approve a request to grant permission to Brandon Thomas for a Bounce House to be used in connection with the rental of Pavilion 1 on June 25, 2017 pending receipt of operating permit from Equipment Connection. Seconded by Mr. Szakal. A vote was taken to the call of roll; Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (7): Nays: (0) Absent (0). Motion carried

Ms. Polkabila made a motion to approve a request to grant permission to Bradley Guthrie for a Bounce House to be used in connection with the rental of Pavilion 1 July 22, 2017 pending receipt of operating permit from Equipment Connection. Seconded by Mr. Shawley. A vote was taken to the call of roll: **Ayes:** Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (7): Nays: (0) Absent: (0). Motion carried.

Ms. Polkabila made a motion to approve the purchase of a replacement sign for the Stan Musial field at Palmer Park for the cost not to exceed \$500.00. Seconded by Mr. Shawley. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (7): Nays: (0) Absent: (0). Motion carried.

Ms. Polkabila made a motion to approve of changing the location of playground equipment to purchase with CDBG funds from Palmer Park to Donner Park. Seconded by Mr. Shawley. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (7): Nays: (0) Absent: (0). Motion carried.

### **Community Affairs and Municipal Building**

Mrs. Trozzo read the Banquet Hall Report for April 2017.

Mrs. Trozzo made a motion to approve the Borough of Donora to pay the water/sewage bill and provide for a lock on the water vault for the Community Garden on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Seconded by Mr. Szakal. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (7): Nays: (0) Absent: (0) Coulter. Motion carried.

**Highways and Street Rights**

Mr. Coulter made a motion to approve the Gannett Fleming invoice #051136.F0\*33972 in the amount of \$1,989.60 for engineering services relative to the Pine Alley Fill Site Seconded by Mr. Szakal. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (7): Nays: (0) Absent: (0). Motion carried

Mr. Coulter made a motion to not approve, the decision to allow Geokinetics to install seismic receivers on 29 Borough properties. Seconded by Mrs. Trozzo. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (7): Nays: (0) Absent: (0). Motion carried.

Mr. Coulter announced that Tuesday May 16, 2017 was Election Day

**Public Safety**

Mr. Szakal read the Police Report for April 2017.

Mr. Szakal made a motion to approve the letter of resignation from Dr. Thomas Williams dated April 23, 2017 from the Borough of Donora Police Civil Service Commission. Seconded by Mr. Conger. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (7): Nays: (0) Absent: (0). Motion carried.

Mr. Szakal announced there is a vacancy on the Police Civil Service Commission

Mr. Szakal announced that the Donora Fire Company will be grilling for the Music in the Park which is held by the Donora Lion Club Sunday June 11, June 25, July 9, July 23, August 6 and August 20.

**President of Council**

Mr. Gutierrez announced that he went a Tour with Bud Cook to view the Rails to Trail.

Mr. Gutierrez spoke about a meeting that he attended which was held by the Mon Valley Alliance

**Mayor's Report****Public Officials**

Nothing to report

**Old Business****New Business****Announcements for the public meeting:**

The Crisis Center Hotline Number is (724) 225-3584

**ADJOURNMENT: 6:35 PM**

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### **Opening of Bids**

No bids to open.

### **Public Address Aeenda Items:**

Mr. McDonough spoke to council about Mr. Gutierrez's legal fees attendance to a deposition and about the cost of the Pine Alley Fill Site. A discussion continued with several council members, the borough solicitor, and Mr. McDonough.

### **Public Address Non —Aeenda Items:**

Mr. Love spoke to council regarding a landlord issue with code enforcement. The house was inspected last month and I was told it was fine. I just don't feel it is fit for my child. There is mold and several fire hazards. I just want my house to be safe to live in. If it is not, the borough needs to deem it unsafe to live in. A discussion continued regarding his rental home, landlord, the borough, and the magistrate. He just wants his security deposit back. Mr. Durka spoke about he cannot get involved in a landlord/tenant situation. He spoke to the landlord and advised him of the repairs needed.

Mrs. Deanne Pavelko asked council about what is the procedure for high grass letters and citations is. She has complained several times about her neighbor not cutting their grass. This is ongoing every year with them and Tim Durka stated I believe a letter was sent and they have 10 days to comply or a citation is issued. The magistrate will dismiss a case if a citation is issued without a letter being sent first.

### **Finance**

Mr. Conger read the Bill Report for May 2017. Mr. Conger made a motion to accept the Bill Report. Seconded by Mrs. Trozzo. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (6): Nays: (0) Absent: (1) Mr. Coulter. Motion carried.

Mr. Conger read the Treasurer's Report for May 2017. Mr. Conger made a motion to accept the May Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Mr. Shawley. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (6): Nays: (0) Absent: Mr. Coulter, (1). Motion carried.

Mr. Conger read the Tax Collector report. Mr. Conger made a motion to approve the report as presented. Seconded by Ms. Trozzo. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (6): Nays: (0) Absent: Mr. Coulter, (1). Motion carried.

Mr. Conger read the Payroll Report for May 2017.

Mr. Conger made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-8 the selling of two (2) vacant lots Parcels #240-010-00-03-0015-00 and 240-010-00-030-0016-00 at Tenth Street and Mohawk Alley to Charles Getchey for the total appraised value of \$755.00. Seconded by Mr. Shawley. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (6): Nays: (0) Absent: Mr. Coulter, (1). Motion carried.

Mr. Conger made a motion to approve the William Wiker (Attorney) invoice for Dennis Gutierrez's attendance at a deposition on March 29, 2017 in the amount of \$612.50. Motion not seconded. Motion failed.

Mr. Conger made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-9 Rails to Trails DCED Grant for the feasibility study. Seconded by Mrs. Trozzo. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (6): Nays: (0) Absent: Mr. Coulter, (1). Motion carried.

Mr. Conger made a motion to approve the application fee of \$100 for the Rails to Trails DCED Grant. Seconded by Shawley. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (6): Nays: (0) Absent: Mr. Coulter, (1). Motion carried.

Mr. Conger made a motion to approve a local cash match by the Borough of Donora in the amount of \$15,000 for Rails to Trails DCED Grant. Seconded by Ms. Polkabila. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (6): Nays: (0) Absent: Mr. Coulter, (1). Motion carried.

Mr. Conger made a motion to approve the application fee of \$300 for the Washington County Conservation District Erosion Control plan for the Pine Alley Fill Site. (Total application fee of \$600 to be split with RETAL). Seconded by Mr. Szakal. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (6): Nays: Absent: Mr. Coulter (1). Motion carried.

Mr. Conger made a motion to approve having Gannett Fleming prepare an estimate to engineer, design, and oversee the LSA Grant of \$95,000 for the Catch Basin Replacement Project. The engineering, design, and project review will satisfy the Borough of Donora's match pledged with the grant application. Seconded by Mr. Szakal. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, and Mr. Szakal. Ayes: (5): Nays: Mrs. Trozzo (1). Absent: Mr. Coulter (1). Motion carried.

Mr. Conger made a motion to approve the Solicitor prepare Ordinance #1384 and advertise same vacating Wilson Way between Charles Avenue and Weaver Avenue. Seconded by Ms. Polkabila. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (6): Nays: (1) Absent: Mr. Coulter. Motion carried.

### **Health Sanitation and Code Enforcement**

Mr. Shawley read the Code Enforcement Report for May 2017.

Mr. Shawley read the Landlord Registration & Occupancy Report for May 2017.

Mr. Shawley read the Refuse Report for May 2017.

### **Recreation**

Ms. Polkabila read the Park Rental Report for May 2017.

Ms. Polkabila made a motion to approve the selection of an outdoor cast iron drinking fountain for Donner Park to be purchased with CBDG funds. Seconded by Mr. Shawley. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (6): Nays: (0) Absent: Mr. Coulter (1). Motion carried.



Mrs. Trozzo made a motion to approve the appointment of Beau Stoioff to the Planning Commission term to expire June 2021. Seconded by Ms. Polkabila. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (6): Nays: (0) Absent: Mr. Coulter, (1). Motion carried.

Mrs. Trozzo made a motion to approve the appointment of Ed Parquette to Planning Commission which the term will expire June 2021. Seconded by Ms. Polkabila. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (6): Nays: (0) Absent: Mr. Coulter, (1). Motion carried.

Mrs. Trozzo made a motion to **not approve** the use of the Fifth Street Church by AnRe Films for one week in August because the current unsafe condition of the structure. Seconded by Mr. Shawley. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (6): Nays: (0) Absent: Mr. Coulter, (1). Motion carried.

A discussion among several council continued about the condition of the church and the borough should take our things out and be torn down. Mr. Bedner is going to arrange to auction the stained glass windows and clean the contents left in the building in the church.

Mrs. Trozzo announced the American Legion Auxiliary will be conducting a Poppy/Tag Day on Election Day, Tuesday, November 7, 2017.

Mrs. Trozzo read the Banquet Hall Report for May 2017.

**Highways and Street Lights**

Nothing to report.

**Public Safety**

Mr. Szakal read the Police Report for May 2017.

Mr. Szakal made a motion to approve the appointment of Edward (Sonny) Lawson to the Police Civil Service Commission. Term to expire June 2023. Seconded by Mr. Shawley. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (6): Nays: (0) Absent: Mr. Coulter (1). Motion carried.

Mr. Szakal announced that Music in the Park begins this Sunday, June 11 5-7PM. The Donora Fire Department will be grilling and the Donora Monongahela Lions Club will have a bake sale. Hope to see everyone out there.

Also The American Legion will be having a flag ceremony on Sunday.

**President of Council**

Mr. Gutierrez made a motion to approve the minutes of the May meeting. Seconded by Dale Shawley.

**Mayor's Report**

The Donora American Legion Post 212 held their Memorial Day ceremony on Sunday, May 28, 2017. Keynote speaker was State Rep. Bud Cook. Commissioner Larry Maggi was one of the honor guards.

The Mon Valley Transit Authority had a ribbon cutting ceremony on June 6, 2017 for their new natural gas fueling station. This is a very nice facility we have in our town.

**Public Officials**

Nothing to report

Old Business

New Business

Announcements for the public meeting:

Mr. Conger announced there will be a Flag Day ceremony on Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at 7 PM in South Donora.

The Crisis Center Hotline Number is (724) 225-3584

ADJOURNMENT: 6:44 PM

A Regular Council Meeting of the Donora Borough Council was held on July 13, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Donora Municipal Complex. The meeting was called to order by Dennis Gutierrez and followed by The Pledge of Allegiance. The following members were present at roll call: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal and Mrs. Trozzo. Mr. Coulter was absent due to recent knee surgery. Also present were Borough Administrator, Secretary, Treasurer, John Bedner, Superintendent James Brice and Mayor Pavelko. Tim Durka, Code Enforcement & Streets.

**Opening of Bids**

No bids to open.

**Public Address Aeenda Items:**

No one spoke regarding agenda items.

**Non —Agenda Items:**

C.J. Swaney spoke to council about the vintage baseball team, Allegheny Ironsides, that he is part of. They have a facebook page along with a webpage about the history behind this team. They travel to other towns and also play in Donora. We just are asking for some support from this town. We need to coordinate our schedule to what is happening in Palmer Park. We are playing a game on September 10 at Palmer Park. Would like to see as many folks as we can come and watch us play.

Rich Perrotta of 345 McCrea Avenue spoke to council the fire at his house and his neighbor's house last night. First, I want to thank the fire department for the quick response. I lost \$1300 in items due to this power surge. West Penn Power was contacted and they said there are no issues in Donora but they were at my house and others on my street. Something is wrong. West Penn Power does not what happened. There have been a lot of houses and businesses affected by this. The traffic signal was out on Third Street due to this. Mr. Bedner will follow up with this.

Mr. Paul Delsandro spoke to council thanking council and the street department for the help at the Delsandro War Memorial at 5<sup>th</sup> and Meldon. The basics are started and now finished. On a bad note, the owner of the garage located behind us, the rain water is coming out of the gutter onto the new concrete and the building is a disaster. Tim Durka stated the building is in code violation and we will have to send the owner a letter requesting the he bring the building up to code.

Jason White of Bud Cook's office was asked to come and speak at the meeting by Mr. Gutierrez. He spoke about the Rails To Trails Initiative.

**Finance**

Mr. Conger made a motion to approve the minutes of our June 8, 2017 meeting. Seconded by Ms. Polkabila. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (6): Nays: (0) Absent: (1) Mr. Coulter. Motion carried.

Mr. Conger read the Bill Report for June 2017. Mr. Conger made a motion to accept the Bill Report. Seconded by Mrs. Trozzo. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (6): Nays: (0) Absent: (1) Mr. Coulter. Motion carried.

Mr. Conger read the Treasurer's Report for June 2017. Mr. Conger made a motion to accept the May Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Mr. Shawley. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (6): Nays: (0) Absent: Mr. Coulter, (1). Motion carried.

Mr. Conger read the Tax Collector report. Mr. Conger made a motion to approve the report as presented. Seconded by Ms. Trozzo. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (6): Nays: (0) Absent: Mr. Coulter, (1). Motion carried.

Mr. Conger read the Payroll Report for June 2017.

Mr. Conger made a motion to approve Amendment #10 to the Gannett Fleming Sewer Rehab contract in the amount \$20,000 to provide sewer rehabilitation project services to the Borough in support of our LSA Sewer Project Grant. Seconded by Mr. Szakal. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (6): Nays: (0) Absent: Mr. Coulter, (1). Motion carried.

Mr. Conger made a motion to approve Amendment #11 to the Gannett Fleming engineering contract in the amount not to exceed \$20,000 to provide catch basin project services to the Borough in support of our LSA Catch Basin Replacement Project. Seconded by Mr. Shawley. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (6): Nays: (0) Absent: (1) Mr. Coulter. Motion carried.

Mr. Conger made a motion to approve the sale of twenty (20) used parking meters to the City of Monongahela as is for \$40 each. Total proceeds \$800.00. Seconded by Mrs. Trozzo. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (6): Nays: (0) Absent: (1) Mr. Coulter. Motion carried.

Mr. Conger made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1384 vacating Wilson Way between Charles Avenue and Weaver Avenue. Seconded by Mrs. Trozzo. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (6): Nays: (0) Absent: Mr. Coulter, (1). Motion carried.

Mr. Conger made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-10 Multimodal Transportation Fund DCED Grant for the Rails to Trails feasibility study. Seconded by Mrs. Trozzo. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (5): Nays: Mr. Szakal (1) Absent: Mr. Coulter, (1). Motion carried.

Mr. Conger made a motion to the application fee of \$100 for the Multimodal Transportation Fund DCED Grant for the Rails to Trails feasibility study. Seconded by Ms. Polkabila. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (5): Nays: Mr. Szakal: (1), Absent: Mr. Coulter, (1). Motion carried.

Mr. Conger made a motion to approve a local cash match by the Borough of Donora in the amount of \$30,000 for the Multimodal Transportation Fund DCED Grant for the Rails to Trails feasibility study depending on funding that would be no cost to the borough. Seconded by Ms. Polkabila. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (5): Nays: Mr. Szakal (1) Absent: Mr. Coulter (1). Motion carried.

Ms. Polkabila stated she would like this to be amended to state depending on the other grants getting approved. Also, she does not want anything else to happen unless it is discussed with all of council. There was limited communication and this was under parks and recreation and I was not involved in any of it.

Mr. Conger stated council held an Executive Session on Thursday, July 6<sup>th</sup> regarding John Bedner has completed his 90 day probationary period and was approved by Council. Congratulations John.

### **Health Sanitation and Code Enforcement**

Mr. Shawley read the Code Enforcement Report for June 2017.

Mr. Shawley read the Landlord Registration & Occupancy Report for June 2017.

Mr. Shawley read the Refuse Report for June 2017.

Mr. Shawley made a motion to approve Amendment #12 to the Gannett Fleming engineering contract in the amount of \$5,500 and \$10,500 respectively to complete the Borough's DEP

Pollution Reduction Plan. Seconded by Ms. Polkabila. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (6): Nays: (0) Absent: (1) Mr. Coulter. Motion carried.

### **Recreation**

Ms. Polkabila read the Park Rental Report for June 2017.

Ms. Polkabila made a motion to approve The Church of Jesus Christ request for a \$100 refund for the use of Lignelli Pavilion on Saturday, June 3, 2017 due to a problem with the restroom. Seconded by Mr. Szakal. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (6): Nays: (0) Absent: Mr. Coulter (1). Motion carried.

Ms. Polkabila made a motion to approve the fee waiver for Strive for a Better Tomorrow Inc.'s use of the Lignelli Pavilion on Friday, August 11, 2017 for their annual end of summer celebration. Seconded by Mr. Conger. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley; Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (6): Nays: (0) Absent: (1) Mr. Coulter. Motion carried.

### **Community Affairs and Municipal Building**

Mrs. Trozzo read the Banquet Hall Report for June 2017.

Mrs. Trozzo made a motion to approve the renewal of the Bush Maintenance Services Contract for floor cleaning/waxing services for the banquet hall and office in the amount of \$255/month. Seconded by Ms. Polkabila. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (6): Nays: (0) Absent: (1) Mr. Coulter. Motion carried.

### **Highways and Street Lights**

Due to Mr. Coulter's absence, Mr. Shawley made a motion to approve Allegheny Global's invoice in the amount of \$425 for soil samples taken at the Pine Alley Fill Site. Seconded by Mr. Conger. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (6): Nays: (0) Absent: (1) Mr. Coulter. Motion carried.

Mr. Shawley announced The Borough of Donora will receive yard waste, TV's, and computers at the Borough Garage collection site. The procedures are posted on our website.

### **Public Safety**

Mr. Szakal read the Police Report for June 2017.

Mr. Szakal made a motion to hire part-time Police Officer Lucas Michael Gida pending verification of Act-120 Certification and back ground check. Wage is \$12.50/hour as outlined in the police bargaining agreement. Seconded by Mr. Shawley. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (6): Nays: (0) Absent: (1) Mr. Coulter. Motion carried.

Mr. Szakal made an announcement about the firemen's annual car show which will be held at Palmer Park this Sunday, July 16 from 10-4. They will have food, Dyno, and accept any entries you have.

Mr. Szakal announced the Back to School Blast will be held on Aug. 5, 11-3 at Donner Park. Free food, games, & face painting. Any child that is school aged is welcome to attend. Ringgold School District will be participating in this event by supplying lunch for the kids. Thank you Dr. Polkabra and Ringgold for their participation in this event.

#### President of Council

Mr. Gutierrez announced there were executive sessions held on June 8, July 6, and July 12.

#### Mayor's Report

Mr. Pavelko announced that officers Josh Haines and Mike Parry in the early morning hours on May 19, rushed in to a burning home and saved a woman's life. I want to commend those two dedicated officers for a job well done. And I say, "thank you, man." On Tuesday, June 27, about 12:30 PM a 911 call came that a contractor was electrocuted on Kenric Avenue and Bradford Drive. Donora Fire Co., Donora Police, Mon Valley EMS, and Allegheny Health Network were called to the scene. Officer Keith Charlton arrived at the scene and immediately started CPR with Superintendent Jim Brice. Soon after Donora Fire Co. Mike Petroske, Tom Fronzaglio, Walter Sloan, and Allegheny Health Network showed up and continued CPR and saved this man's life. Mon Valley EMS then arrived at the scene. I want to commend all these first responders for a job well done. Thank you men and women of public safety.

On another note, in the last 10 months, 110 cars have been tagged and/or removed off our streets.

#### Public Officials

Nothing to report

#### Old Business

Nothing to report.

#### New Business

Nothing to report.

#### **Announcements for the public meeting:**

The Crisis Center Hotline Number is (724) 225-3584

**ADJOURNMENT: 7:27 PM**

August 30, 2017

Donora Borough Council  
603 Meldon Avenue  
Donora, PA 15033

I abstained because I felt that voting to remove Mr. Dennis Gutierrez was not in the best interest of Donora.

Mr. Gutierrez has given many hours of his time to the Borough of Donora at considerable expense to himself and his family.

Council should have given Mr. Gutierrez a list of demands that they wanted changed and put him on notice that he may be removed as president if the stated changes were not made.

With reorganization just over four months away, the presidency could have been changed without embarrassment to Council, Mr. Gutierrez and the Borough

Respectfully,



John S. Conger  
Councilman, Borough of Donora

A Regular Council Meeting of the Donora Borough Council was held on August 10, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Donora Municipal Complex. The meeting was called to order by Dennis Gutierrez and followed by The Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer. The following members were present at roll call: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal and Mrs. Trozzo. Also present were Borough Administrator, Secretary, Treasurer, John Bedner, Superintendent James Brice, Mayor Pavelko and Tim Durka, Code Enforcement & Streets.

**Opening of Bids**

No bids to open.

**Public Address Agenda Items:**

No one spoke regarding agenda items.

**Public Address Non —Agenda Items:**

Kevin Davis spoke to council about the steps. He was given a great proposal in the beginning of the year along with his donation towards the steps. Spring has passed and now end of summer and school is starting in 2 weeks and still no steps. Mr. Gutierrez stated he wanted to stand behind the promise that was made last fall. We are trying to conserve the budget and Tim was asked to offer information about this. Mr. Durka spoke about Mr. Coulter told him the next project he wanted him to work on was the 13<sup>th</sup> Street steps so I went to Mr. Bedner and he told me funding was thin and I probably shouldn't start the project. Mr. Bedner replied Tim you came in and told me you can start the project for \$500 and you were to go to Charleroi and look into materials to start the project. I have been asking you to do this for a month. Mr. Szakal interrupted and stated wait a minute and discussed this further with Mr. Davis. Mr. Davis also stated that lights were put on his building by the post office and he wants them removed. They were put on without my permission. Then a council member told me my gutters need fixed. Mrs. Trozzo stated we will take them off. A discussion continued and Mr. Davis stated he was going to call Mr. Delsandro tomorrow to discuss this further.

Cynthia Brice spoke to council about her request to use the borough building for a spaghetti dinner fundraiser for a person who has cancer. I want to know why publically this was turned down. Mr. Gutierrez stated I brought this up upstairs that we should help people. We should come up with a policy. Mr. Conger also discussed the policy that they came up with. Mr. Gutierrez stated we are going to further discuss this and let you know.

Sara Necciai, coordinator the Mon Valley Healthy Kids Running Series, we are going to have the fall running series on Sept. 10, 17, 24, Oct 1 and Oct. 15 at 5 PM. I would like to thank the borough for letting us use the park. It is perfect for us. I am presenting T-shirts to the board members as a thank you.

Mr. Swaney spoke about the Vintage Baseball Team and upcoming game. Will the flag pole and the sign be repaired at Stan Musial Field? Tim Durka was advised to call and follow up.

Mr. Perrotta questioned the amount for Pine Alley project. Mr. Bedner advised the total amount was \$7,614.00. That is so far. Mr. Bedner we don't know what the final price is. A roadway will have to be cut if it is clean fill it can be moved off to the side if it is construction it will have to be removed and taken to a landfill. Retal will have to pay to remove their materials.

Someone from the crowd asked what is going on with the school. We were supposed to hear something at the end of June. Mr. Pavelko stated there will be another meeting in September. Mr. Bullock was supposed to have a meeting in June but had a death in the family and was unable to attend. The meeting will be publicized.

Mrs. Bey spoke about her organization and her credibility. Due to her in the back of the room audio was difficult to hear. Mr. Gutierrez thanked her for her comments and what she is doing.



**Finance**

Mr. Conger read the Bill Report for July 2017. Mr. Conger made a motion to accept the Bill Report. Seconded by Mr. Coulter. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (7): Nays: (0) Absent: (0). Motion carried.

Mr. Conger read the Treasurer's Report for July 2017. Mr. Conger made a motion to accept the May Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Mr. Szakal. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (7): Nays: (0) Absent: (0). Motion carried.

Mr. Conger read the Tax Collector report. Mr. Conger made a motion to approve the report as presented. Seconded by Ms. Trozzo. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (7): Nays: (0) Absent: (0). Motion carried.

Mr. Conger read the Payroll Report for July 2017.

**Health Sanitation and Code Enforcement**

Mr. Shawley read the Code Enforcement Report for July 2017.

Mr. Shawley read the Landlord Registration & Occupancy Report for July 2017.

Mr. Shawley read the Refuse Report for July 2017.

Mr. Shawley made a motion to approve the solicitor to prepare the necessary paperwork for the Borough of Donora to adopt Act 90, the "Neighborhood Blight Reclamation and Revitalization Act of 2010" which expands the power of the municipality to reduce blighted properties in their community. Seconded by Mr. Szakal. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (7): Nays: (0) Absent: (0). Motion carried.

Mr. Shawley made an announcement that the Pollutant Reduction Plan associated with the Borough's 2018 Sewer Permit Renewal application has been prepared and is available for public review in the office and on the Donora web page.

**Recreation**

Ms. Polkabila read the Park Rental Report for July 2017.

Ms. Polkabila made a motion to revoke Resolution No. 2017-10, for the Multimodal Transportation Fund DCED Grant for Rails to Trails feasibility study, the application fee and the Borough match approved during the July council meeting. Mr. Szakal spoke about the borough not having enough information regarding this, the time involved in preparing the grant that we couldn't even apply for. This is things we have to look at before getting to this point. Ms. Polkabila also spoke about why we did not qualify for this grant. Mr. Shawley stated it would cost the borough \$50,000-\$60,000 for a feasibility study. Seconded by Mr. Conger. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (6): Nays: Mr. Gutierrez (1) Absent: (0). Motion carried.

Ms. Polkabila made a motion to approve Strive for a Better Tomorrow for the use of Donner Park on Aug. 27, 2017 for an Awareness Walk and Memorial. Ms. Polkabila advised when people submit a letter requesting to hold an event to wait until we approve an event before advertising because it's an embarrassment to us. Seconded by Mrs. Trozzo. A vote was taken to the call of

roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (7): Nays: (0) Absent: (0). Motion carried.

Ms. Polkabila made a motion to approve Mon Valley Healthy Kids Running Series use of Palmer Park for approximately one hour on Sunday, Sept. 10, 17, 24, and Oct. 1 and 15 for their semi-annual running series. Seconded by Mr. Conger. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (7): Nays: (0) Absent: (0). Motion carried.

Mrs. Polkabila stated if someone would like to hold a benefit for someone outside the borough at the social hall and give it to them for half the price.

Mrs. Polkabila made a motion to revise the current policy for the hall that if the honoree is from outside the borough the hall rental will be half the price. Seconded by Mr. Shawley. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (7): Nays: (0) Absent: (0). Motion carried.

### **Community Affairs and Municipal Building**

Mrs. Trozzo stated a citizen approached us that they would like to have an annual Fall Fest at Palmer Park which will include vendors, haunted hay ride, Chili cook off, parade, and other ideas. We are going to have a meeting to further discuss and if you are interested to please come. We need many involved. The meeting will be posted on facebook.

### **Highways and Street Liahts**

Mr. Coulter made a motion to approve Gannett Fleming invoice for \$5,391.70 for 87% of previously approved engineering work for the Erosion and Sedimentation Plan associated with Pine Alley. We have already receive on half for \$3,100 from Retal for a total project amount of \$6,200. Seconded by Mr. Conger. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (7): Nays: (0) Absent: (0). Motion carried.

### **Public Safety**

Mr. Szakal read the Police Report for July 2017.

Mr. Szakal stated Aug. 16 in the Social Hall the Donora Police and Donora Fire Dept. is going to have an information meeting with a rep presenting a life saving device called Auto Pulse that does chest compressions for them. They are working hard to get the money to get this device. Chief Brice stated in the past month this device saved 3 people. Mr. Szakal stated it is a lot of money but if it saves a life it is worth it. It cost \$14,200.00.

Mr. Szakal stated on July 29 at 9 PM our fire department river rescue team was called out to assist Finleyville Fire Dept. for flooding at Mingo Creek area and rescued 8 people and again they were called out to rescue 4 people from a boat at the Monongahela Aquatorium. They are very qualified and a great team and wanted to recognize them for their efforts not only for town but for surrounding areas.

### **President of Council**

Mr. Gutierrez stated he would like to approve the minutes for the July meeting. Minutes stand as presented.

Mr. Gutierrez wanted to recognize the street department for the work that they did to clean up the compost at Palmer Park to meet the DEP's requirements. Also, want to thank the police department and fire department for their hard work. These guys work very hard and risk their lives every day.

**Mayor's Report**

Mr. Pavelko wanted to congratulate the American Legion Post 212 for their 91<sup>st</sup> Annual Community Day at Kennywood. They did a fantastic job. It was unbelievable how many prizes they gave out. A lot of Donora people.

Mr. Pavelko questioned the amount for the Pine Alley project. Mr. Bedner advised him of the costs that the borough was responsible for.

**Public Officials**

Mr. Durka stated that steel I want to make the 13<sup>th</sup> steps with from the 5<sup>th</sup> Street School I want to know how much I have to spend to complete this project if I get no further help for materials. Mr. Bedner stated it is going to be very tight for the end of the year. I can't give you number. Several councilmen advised that it is hard to answer this question until we get an estimate of the project from the people on Monday until we can approve it.

Mr. Durka stated the redevelopment road paving project will begin Tuesday, Aug. 15. We will be milling Eighth Street from Heslep up to Waddell. St. Nicholas Drive from First Avenue to the cemetery. And on 14<sup>th</sup> Street to Marelda to the dead end. Ms. Polkabila asked how long this will take since school is starting in a week on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Durka stated it will be done in a week.

Mr. Brice and Mr. Walsh had no comment.

**Old Business**

Nothing to report.

**New Business**

Mr. Szakal stated he has been talking to members of council the past couple months, we are not very happy with the way some things are being taken care of, we aren't getting anything done at the meetings, as you can see tonight members, employees are bickering amongst each other, he said she said who is saying what at meetings is getting said and it is spreading like fire. This is not the way business should be handled. We don't treat our employees like that... with that being said made a motion to remove Dennis Gutierrez from President of Council. Seconded Mrs. Trozzo. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (4): Nays: (2) Mr. Coulter and Mr. Gutierrez. Absent: (0). Mr. Conger Abstain (1) Motion carried.

A discussion between councilmen and Solicitor Justin Walsh regarding Mr. Conger is required to submit in writing on why he abstained since he is not related or any obvious financial issue. Mr. Conger stated he will put it in writing then. Mr. Gutierrez stated well folks there you see what is wrong with Donora.

Mrs. Trozzo made a motion name Gilbert Szakal as President of Council. Seconded by Ms. Polkabila. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (5): Nays: Mr. Coulter & Mr. Gutierrez (2) Absent: (0). Motion carried.

**Announcements for the public meeting:**

The Crisis Center Hotline Number is (724) 225-3584

**ADJOURNMENT: 8:01 PM**

A Special Council Meeting of the Donora Borough Council was held on August 17, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. in the Borough Social Hall of the Donora Municipal Complex to discuss the 2017 budget. The meeting was called to order by Borough Administrator John Bedner. The following members were present at roll call: Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal and Mrs. Trozzo. Absent was Mr. Conger, who was on vacation. Also present were Borough Administrator, Secretary, Treasurer, John Bedner, Superintendent James Brice, Mayor Pavelko, Susan Vitalbo Tax Collector, Building and Grounds Superintendent Mike Petroske and Tim Durka, Code Enforcement & Streets.

**Opening of Bids**

No bids to open.

**Public Address Aeenda Items:**

No one spoke regarding agenda items.

**Public Address Non —Aeenda Items:**

No one spoke regarding non-agenda items.

**Finance**

Borough Administrator John Bedner discussed with council an approximate \$100,000 shortfall. Mr. Bedner discussed Capital Reserve Fund, Sewer Fund will need a Resolution to borrow then payback schedule & interest, Street Light Survey—Ms. Polkabila stated organize a meeting with West Penn Power and contact CSC Insurance to review minimum legal insurance requirements. John Bedner spoke about requesting assistance for an audit team, PA Association of Boroughs Free Program App Energy evaluate current supplier, Apply for early intervention program with the state of Pennsylvania, also mentioned a street light tax. Susan Vitalbo discussed real estate tax increase of 5%, per capita, occupational tax evaluation which will bring in \$24,000. Mr. Bedner discussed fire escrow, potential layoffs, sale of Borough owned property. Ms. Polkabila stated to contact Justin Walsh if we can go to court to increase real estate taxes.

**Health, Sanitation and Code Enforcement**

Nothing to report.

**Recreation**

Nothing to report.

**Community Affairs and Muxñcipul Building**

Nothing to report.

**Highways and Street Liehts**

Nothing to report.

**Public Safety**

Nothing to report.

**President of Council**

**Public Officials**

Mr. Brice and Mr. Walsh had no comment.

**Old Business**

Nothing to report.

**New Business**

**Announcements for the public meeting:**

**ADJOURNMENT: 7:30 PM**

A Regular Council Meeting of the Donora Borough Council was held on September 14, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Donora Municipal Complex. The meeting was called to order by Gilbert Szakal Jr. and followed by The Pledge of Allegiance. The following members were present at roll call: Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal and Mrs. Trozzo. Mr. Conger & Mr. Coulter were absent. Present were Borough Administrator, Secretary, Treasurer, John Bedner, Superintendent James Brice, Mayor Pavelko and Tim Durka, Code Enforcement & Streets.

**Opening of Bids**

No bids to open.

**Public Address Agenda Items:**

Mr. Lou Marraccini spoke to council about Mr. Menendez retiring from the sewage board and has applied for a position on the board before and is still interested.

Mrs. Hunter spoke to council about the house/building next to St. Paul's church. The building is in such bad condition. I want something to be done with it. It is boarded up and no one has been it. It is Labash's property. Can the borough do something with that building? Mr. Shawley and Tim Durka stated they have contacted the borough about the cost of demolishing the building and we will get in contact with them.

Ed Vayansky of Weaver Avenue spoke to council about he has a problem with the borough. A tree from the borough property fell onto my property. Council stated they will discuss this with Tim after the meeting and let him know.

**Public Address Non — Agenda Items:**

State Representative Bud Cook spoke about Rails to Trails, the opioid problem, jobs, funding, and working together.

Chantel Bey spoke about her upcoming events to benefit her organization. Also, she has a clean-up day scheduled for Donora on Oct. 14. She is looking for volunteers.

**Finance**

Ms. Polkabila read the Bill Report for August 2017. Ms. Polkabila made a motion to accept the Bill Report. Seconded by Mr. Shawley. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (5): Nays: (0) Absent: (2) Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter. Motion carried.

Ms. Polkabila read the Treasurer's Report for August 2017. Ms. Polkabila made a motion to accept the August Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Mrs. Trozzo. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (5): Nays: (0) Absent: (2) Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter. Motion carried.

Ms. Polkabila read the Tax Collector report and made a motion to approve the report as presented. Seconded by Mr. Shawley. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (5): Nays: (0) Absent: (2) Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter. Motion carried.

Ms. Polkabila read the Payroll Report for August 2017.

Ms. Polkabila made a motion to approve Ordinance 1386 which amends Ordinance No. 1381 by inclusion of the following time limitation for payment of garbage and refuse fees. All fees so set by Council shall be due and paid before June 30 for the year they are set. Seconded by Mrs. Trozzo. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (5): Nays: (0) Absent: (2) Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter Motion carried.



Ms. Polkabila made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-12 setting the participant contribution to the police pension plan to zero for the 2018 fiscal year. Seconded by Mr. Shawley. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (5): Nays: (0) Absent: (2) Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter. Motion carried.

Ms. Polkabila made a motion to approve authorizing APPI Energy LLC to act and to serve as the exclusive electricity consultant for the Borough of Donora. Seconded by Mr. Shawley. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (5): Nays: (0) Absent: (2) Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter. Motion carried.

Mrs. Polkabila requested Borough Administrator to discuss the changes that were made after the Special Meeting that was held on August 17, 2017 with concerns of the budget when council discussed how we were going to make it until the end of the year. Mr. Bedner spoke about last discussion I estimated a \$100,000 shortfall. I am in discussion with West Penn Power to reduce the cost of the street lights. We have \$8,000 in escrow for property we acknowledged on McKean. We placed 2 part-time street department workers on lay off. CSC Insurance was contacted about insurance policies. We have a municipal liability policy that will cover us on a workers comp claim. I began discussions with Michael Forman of DCED. I have a meeting with him on Sept. 26 to discuss early intervention with the state. Also contacted was APPI energy consultant to lower our rate on electricity. Started discussions with Susan Vitalbo and Justin Walsh about a tax increase. We sold parking meters. Ed Parquette has noticed some unclaimed property for \$1,000. I estimated a deficit of \$33,000.

Mrs. Polkabila stated there are a few things I skipped over on the agenda. We have to do a little better job on writing that motion and in regards of the nepotism policy. Four members of this council will not be here in January and we don't want to create something that the new council has to enforce.

### **Healthy Sanitation and Code Enforcement**

Mr. Shawley read the Code Enforcement Report for August 2017.

Mr. Shawley read the Landlord Registration & Occupancy Report for August 2017.

Mr. Shawley read the Refuse Report for August 2017.

Mr. Shawley made a motion to approve Ordinance 1385 for the Borough of Donora to adopt Act 90, the "Neighborhood Blight Reclamation and Revitalization Act of 2010" which expands the power of the municipality to reduce blighted properties in their community. Seconded by Mrs. Trozzo. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (5): Nays: (0) Absent: (2) Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter. Motion carried.

Mr. Shawley made a motion to approve David Syrko's letter of resignation from Code Enforcement Board of Appeals. Seconded by Mrs. Trozzo. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (5): Nays: (0) Absent: (2) Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter. Motion carried.

Mr. Shawley announced the opening on the Code Enforcement Board of Appeals. If anyone is interested, submit a letter that you are interested in this opening.

### **Recreation**

Mr. Gutierrez made a motion to approve Chelsea Hill's request to rent a "Bounce House" to coincide with her rental of the Lignelli Pavilion on Saturday, September 16, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Shawley. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (5): Nays: (0) Absent: (2) Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter. Motion carried.

Mr. Gutierrez read the Park Rental Report for August 2017.

### **Community Affairs and Municipal Building**

Mrs. Trozzo made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-11 to officially Support Donora Public Library's "Building Addition Plans". Seconded by Mr. Shawley. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (5): Nays: (0) Absent: (2) Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter. Motion carried.

Mrs. Trozzo announced the Halloween Parade will be on Thursday, Oct. 26 with line up at 5PM at 3<sup>rd</sup> & Meldon and the parade starting at 6 PM. Trick or Treat will be held on Saturday, Oct. 28, for 5 PM- 7 PM.

Mrs. Trozzo made a motion for William Cioccio of the Amateur Radio Club of Monessen to broadcast to the world from Palmer Park to commemorate the Donora Smog and the history of Donora. 8AM to 5PM of Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by Mrs. Polkabila. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (5): Nays: (0) Absent: (2) Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter. Motion carried.

Mrs. Trozzo made a motion to approve the reappointment of Frank Weir to the Planning Commission through June 2021. Seconded by Mr. Shawley. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (5): Nays: (0) Absent: (2) Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter. Motion carried.

### **Highways and Street Lights**

Ms. Polkabila spoke that she wanted to thank the street crew. There are a limited amount of people in the department. We have cut 2 part-time employees which leaves 4 full time and 1 part time employee. We appreciate all your efforts.

Ms. Polkabila made a motion to approve the Gannett Fleming invoice in the amount of \$523.20 for previously approved engineering work for Pine Alley Erosion & Sedimentation Control Plan. We have received kz or \$3,100 from RETAL for this total project cost of \$6,200. This plan is 95.45% complete. Seconded by Mr. Shawley. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (5): Nays: (0) Absent: (2) Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter. Motion carried.

Ms. Polkabila made a motion to approve the towing policy for Donora Police Department requests. Seconded by Mrs. Trozzo. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (5): Nays: (0) Absent: (2) Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter. Motion carried.

Ms. Polkabila made a motion to accept Tony Menendez's letter of resignation from the Board of Directors of the Mon Valley Sewage Authority. Seconded by Mrs. Trozzo. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (5): Nays: (0) Absent: (2) Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter. Motion carried.

Ms. Polkabila thanked Mr. Menendez for his many number of years serving on this board and his term is actually up the end of this year. With that being said I would like to make a motion to nominate Dale Shawley to replace Tony Menendez for the remainder of this term. Seconded by Mrs. Trozzo. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (3): Nays: (1) Mr. Gutierrez. Absent: (2) Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter. Abstain: (1) Mr. Shawley. Motion failed.

Ms. Polkabila stated that a replacement is needed within 30 days of the resignation letter. The next meeting is Oct. 12, 2017. We can do it at the next meeting. (Due to a child yelling I was unable to hear Ms. Polkabila's full comment.)

Ms. Polkabila made a motion to approve payment to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the amount of \$500 for the renewal application for Donora's MS4 Storm Water Permit. Seconded by Mr. Shawley. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (5): Nays: (0) Absent: (2) Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter. Motion carried.



Ms. Polkabila made a motion to approve 2017-13 to sponsor and support the Mon Valley Sewage Authority in applying for grant funds from the Redevelopment Authority of Washington County for the upgrade to the screening facilities at the Donora Pump Station. Seconded by Mr. Shawley. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (5): Nays: (0) Absent: (2) Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter. Motion carried.

Ms. Polkabila made a motion to approve the Gannett Fleming invoice in the amount of \$10,929.09 for approved work on the Borough's Pollution Reduction Plan and the MS-4 Sewage Permit Renewal. This invoice represents 68.31% of the total costs authorized for this project. These funds will come out of the sewage escrow fund. Seconded by Mr. Shawley. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (5): Nays: (0) Absent: (2) Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter. Motion carried.

### **Public Safety**

Mrs. Trozzo read the Police Report for August 2017.

Mrs. Trozzo made a motion to approve Metro Alert's invoice in the amount of \$1,530.00 for the annual licensing and maintenance agreement for the Police Department. Seconded by Mr. Shawley. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (5): Nays: (0) Absent: (2) Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter. Motion carried.

Mrs. Trozzo made a motion to approve having the solicitor prepare a tenant/landlord nuisance ordinance. Seconded by Ms. Polkabila. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (5): Nays: (0) Absent: (2) Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter. Motion carried.

### **President of Council**

Mr. Szakal stated he would like to approve the minutes for the August meeting. Minutes stand as presented.

Mr. Szakal announced that an executive session was held on August 7, 2017 and on September 7, 2017.

There will be a Town Hall Meeting held on Sept. 18, 2017 at 7:00 PM at Monongahela Social Hall.

Mr. Szakal read aloud a letter:  
September 14, 2017

“As part of the Borough of Donora's Community Block Grant Funds Distribution, a portion of these CBDG funds are set aside for Borough Residents who meet certain household income requirements for loans under the auspices of housing and urban development. Those Borough Residents who qualify for these loans may use the funds to repair their roofs, windows, furnaces, and the like. As a requirement of the Housing and Urban Development Program and the Community Development Block Grant Program, public disclosure for elected officials who qualify for these loans is mandatory. Donora Councilman, John S. Conger has applied and has qualified for such a loan and this public disclosure is being written into the Borough of Donora's official public record as minutes of the Thursday, September 14, 2017 Council meeting.”

### **Mavor's Report**

Mr. Pavelko spoke about the upcoming Town Hall Meeting at the Monongahela Social Hall on Monday, Sept. 18, 2017 at 7 PM. CCAC will be discussed with the County Commissioners. The more people that show up for this the more action there will be.

Mayor Pavelko spoke about the meeting on August 7, 2017 it was never announced within 24 hours and is in violation of the Sunshine Act as numerous others in the past 24 months.

**Public Officials**

Tim Durka spoke about with fall approaching, people will be cleaning out gardens and leaves. There are 2 bins located at the street department garage for borough residents only to place vegetation. The bins are labeled.

Justin Walsh, Borough Solicitor, spoke about the procedure to raise taxes.

**Old Business**

Nothing to report.

**New Business**

Ms. Polkabila spoke about the vacant seat on the Mon Valley Sewage Board the term in only for 3 months and anyone who is interested can submit a letter of interest to Council.

**Announcements for the public meeting:**

Mrs. Trozzo announced the Autumn Fest that will be held on Saturday, Oct. 21, 2017 11AM to 1 dusk at Palmer Park.

Mrs. Pavelko announced upcoming Donora Smog Committee events:

Oct. 26, 2017 Halloween Parade Line-up at 5 parade starts at 6PM. Free skating after parade and treat bags will be passed out at the fire hall after the parade.

Oct. 28, 2017 Donora 5K Run/Walk Registration at 8 AM. Starts at 10 AM.

Nov. 24, 2017 Twinkle Bright Night details coming soon.

Nov. 25, 2017 Valley Boys Reunion

The Crisis Center Hotline Number is (724) 225-3584

**ADJOURNMENT: 8:36 PM**

A Special Council Meeting of the Donora Borough Council was held on October 10, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. in the Borough Council Chambers of the Donora Municipal Complex to discuss the Borough of Donora's participation in the Early Intervention Program, Department of Community & Economic Development. The meeting was called to order by Borough Administrator John Bedner. The following members were present at roll call: Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal and Mrs. Trozzo. Absent was Mr. Conger and Mr. Coulter. Also present were Borough Administrator, Secretary, Treasurer, John Bedner.

**Opening Of Bids**

No bids to open.

**Public Address Agenda Items:**

No one spoke regarding agenda items.

**Public Address Non —Agenda Items:**

No one spoke regarding non-agenda items.

**Finance**

Michael Forman spoke about the Borough of Donora's participation in the Early Intervention Program, Department of Community & Economic Development. Discussed the program to assist with financial management. This program will review with management of people, money, operations, productivity, financial difficulties not only short term but long term as well, and will come up with a 5 year management plan to help in these areas. We will review the operations, effectiveness, productivity, and staff. We will come up with a plan to improve and build on what you are doing. This program has helped many municipalities. This plan can begin as early as the first quarter of next year.

Mrs. Trozzo made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Shawley. All in favor: Aye.

**Health, Sanitation and Code Enforcement**

Nothing to report.

**Recreation**

Nothing to report.

**Community Affairs and Municipal Building**

Nothing to report.

**Highways and Street Lights**

Nothing to report.

**Public Safety**

Nothing to report.

**President of Council**

Nothing to report.

**Public Officials**

Nothing to report.

**Old Business**

Nothing to report.

**New Business**

**Announcements for the public meeting:**

**ADJOURNMENT: 6:55 PM**





A Regular Council Meeting of the Donora Borough Council was held on October 12, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Donora Municipal Complex. The meeting was called to order by Gilbert Szakal Jr. and followed by The Pledge of Allegiance. The following members were present at roll call: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal and Mrs. Trozzo. Mr. Coulter were absent. Present were Borough Administrator, Secretary, Treasurer, John Bedner, Superintendent James Brice, Borough Solicitor Justin Walsh, and Mayor Pavelko.

**Opening of Bids**

No bids to open.

**Public Address Azenda Items:**

Jim McDonough spoke to council regarding the Borough's current assets regarding the Early Intervention Program meeting.

**Public Address Non —Azenda Items:**

Mr. Joe Cialone of 128 Thompson Avenue spoke about the goodness of my area has gotten better thanks to Chief Brice and now the kids at 134 are screaming and toddlers are out on the street crawling around. The garden looks great on the corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. I think it's great what you are doing for this town. Hope the nuisance ordinance is in effect soon. Mr. Bedner stated the trees that residents purchased will be planted next Thursday at the Community Garden.

Mr. McDonough spoke to council about his questions were answered about CCAC. How is the nuisance law progress? Solicitor Walsh stated this is in the process of being wrote and he will present it to council to review. Once completed it will be advertised then approved. Also, The Oxford House with a drug rehab house. Mr. Bedner spoke with the owners and Timmy had gone down there. Nothing has been done yet. Mr. McDonough spoke about the landlords paying fines and so forth. Mr. Shawley advised that we are following through with letters and citations. Mr. Szakal stated if you see someone moving in to call and advise us.

Chantal Bey spoke about the Clean-up day on Saturday, Oct. 14. This will be done in the Spring and Fall.

**Finance**

Mr. Conger read the Bill Report for September 2017. Mr. Conger made a motion to accept the Bill Report. Seconded by Ms. Polkabila. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (6): Nays: (0) Absent: (1) Mr. Coulter. Motion carried.

Mr. Conger read the Treasurer's Report for September 2017. Mr. Conger made a motion to accept the September Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Mr. Shawley. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (6): Nays: (0) Absent: (1) Mr. Coulter. Motion carried.

Mr. Conger read the Tax Collector report and made a motion to approve the report as presented. Seconded by Ms. Polkabila. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (6): Nays: (0) Absent: (1) Mr. Coulter. Motion carried.

Mr. Conger read the Payroll Report for September 2017.

Mr. Conger made an announcement regarding APPI Energy Consultants assisted the Borough in signing with electric provider Hudson Energy to secure a 5 year fixed rate of \$.00445/kWh. Approximate savings of \$700.00 per month.

Mr. Conger made an announcement regarding the Tarrt demolition has been completed and \$8,046.62 will be transferred from the fire escrow account to the general fund.

Mr. Conger made an announcement that the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) allocation for 2018 is \$255,800. \$100,000 for home rehabilitation and \$155,800 for Borough projects.

Mr. Conger made a motion to approve the sale of the 1984 American General 6x6 M929 military truck to the Collinsburg Volunteer Fire Department for \$3,500. Seconded by Mr. Shawley. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (6): Nays: (0) Absent: (1) Mr. Coulter. Motion carried.

Mr. Conger made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-14. Appointment of Tax Collector Susan Vitalbo as delegate and Councilman Dennis Gutierrez as an alternate delegate to the Washington County Tax Collection Committee. Seconded by Mr. Shawley. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (6): Nays: (0) Absent: (1) Mr. Coulter. Motion carried.

Mr. Conger made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-15. Borough of Donora's participation in the Early Intervention Program Department of Community Economic and Development. Seconded by Ms. Polkabila. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (6): Nays: (0) Absent: (1) Mr. Coulter. Motion carried.

### **Health, Sanitation and Code Enforcement**

Mr. Shawley read the Code Enforcement Report for September 2017.

Mr. Shawley read the Landlord Registration & Occupancy Report for September 2017.

Mr. Shawley read the Refuse Report for September 2017.

Mr. Shawley made an announcement that there is an opening on the Code Enforcement Board of Appeals because of David Syrko's resignation. Anyone who is interested please submit a letter of interest to the office.

### **Recreation**

Mr. Gutierrez made a motion to approve a refund of \$75 to Tom Fronzaglio for Pavilion #2 on September 9, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Conger. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (6): Nays: (0) Absent: (1) Mr. Coulter. Motion carried.

Mr. Gutierrez read the Park Rental Report for September 2017.

Mr. Gutierrez made a motion to approve the elimination of the Civic Center Authority. PNC Account in the amount of \$1,655.54 was closed 02/10/2017 and placed in the Borough's General Fund. Seconded by Mr. Conger. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (6): Nays: (0) Absent: (1) Mr. Coulter. Motion carried.

Mr. Gutierrez made an announcement that Mingo Park 2017-2018 hunting applications are available in the borough office.

Mr. Gutierrez made an announcement regarding a clean-up is being held this Saturday from 10AM-12PM. Meeting at the War Memorial by the Link's Dari-Delite.

### **Community Affairs and Municipal Building**

Ms. Polkabila read the Banquet Hall Report for September 2017.

Ms. Polkabila announced the Monongahela Veterans Council is having a Veteran's Day Parade on Saturday, November 11, 2017. Line-up is at 11 AM and a 12:00 PM start.

Ms. Polkabila announced the Halloween Parade will be on Thursday, Oct. 26 with line up at SPM at 3<sup>rd</sup> & Meldon and the parade starting at 6 PM. Trick or Treat will be held on Saturday, Oct. 28, for 5 PM- 7 PM.

### **Highways and Street Lights**

Ms. Polkabila made a motion to approve the appointment of Lewis Marraccini to the Board of Directors at Mon Valley Sewage Authority. Seconded by Mr. Shawley. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (6): Nays: (0) Absent: (1) Mr. Coulter. Motion carried.

Ms. Polkabila made a motion to approve the Gannett Fleming invoice in the amount of \$4,583.60. This represents 22.92% of the previously approved engineering services of \$20,000 in connection with the Storm Water Catch Basin project. Seconded by Mr. Shawley. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (6): Nays: (0) Absent: (1) Mr. Coulter. Motion carried.

Ms. Polkabila made a motion to approve the Gannett Fleming invoice in the amount of \$1,094.17. This represents 97.31% of the previously approved engineering services for the pollution reduction plan and 32.83% of the MS4 permit renewal. Seconded by Mr. Conger. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (6): Nays: (0) Absent: (1) Mr. Coulter. Motion carried.

Ms. Polkabila made a motion to approve the Gannett Fleming invoice in the amount of \$282.10 for previously approved engineering work for the Pine Alley Erosion & Sedimentation Control Plan. We have received \$3,100 from RETAL for this total project cost of \$6,200. This plan is 100% complete. Seconded by Mr. Conger. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (6): Nays: (0) Absent: (1) Mr. Coulter. Motion carried.

Ms. Polkabila made a motion to approve the quote of \$1,025 from Accredited Environmental Technologies to perform a pre-demo asbestos survey on 727 McKean Avenue in connection with the proposed Farmer's Market. Seconded by Mrs. Trozzo. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (6): Nays: (0) Absent: (1) Mr. Coulter. Motion carried.

Ms. Polkabila announced that First Energy Transmission Forestry will be performing aerial topping on West Penn and Mon Power territory (6-8 weeks starting September 9th, 2017).

Ms. Polkabila announced that Irene Pandrock signed the general release of all claims concerning a main line sewer problem and the Borough's responsibility to install a backflow preventer.

Ms. Polkabila announced that work will begin on the Pine Alley fill site within the next few weeks. Borough and Gannett Fleming are coordinating a pre-construction meeting.

### **Public Safety**

Mrs. Trozzo read the Police Report for September 2017.

Mrs. Trozzo made a motion to approve the hiring of turnkey Rhys Taylor at a rate of \$8.25/hour. Seconded by Mr. Shawley. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (6): Nays: (0) Absent: (1), Mr. Coulter. Motion carried.

Mrs. Trozzo made a motion to hire a part-time police officer Gregory Garlock pending verification of Act 120 certification and background check. Wage is \$12.50/hour as outlined in the police bargaining agreement. Seconded by Mr. Shawley A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (6): Nays: (0) Absent: (1) Mr. Coulter. Motion carried.

Mrs. Trozzo announced the Borough of Donora is seeking part time police officers.



**President of Council**

Mr. Szakal stated an executive session was held on Thursday, October 5, 2017 and Town Hall Meeting was held on Tuesday, October 10, 2017.

Mr. Szakal stated he would like to approve the minutes for the September and October 10, 2017 meeting. Minutes stand as presented.

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor Pavelko spoke about the Halloween Parade, Twinkle Bright Night and Easter Egg Hunt. These are all funded by the Donora Smog Commemorative Committee. The 5k race is being held on October 28, 2017. Sign-up sheets are available. The biggest fundraiser is The Valley Boys Reunion will be held on November 25th at the Donora Social Hall.

Mayor Pavelko spoke to Pine Alley fill costs. It's about time council takes action for the person that was responsible for the dumping. I am requesting the next meeting be held in the Social Hall next meeting we can show the video of who was behind the dumping at the site. Ms. Polkabra suggested Mr. Brice to do a report of this so we can consider this.

**Public Officials**

Tim Durka spoke about with fall approaching, people will be cleaning out gardens and leaves. There are 2 bins located at the street department garage for borough residents only to place vegetation. The bins are labeled.

Justin Walsh, Borough Solicitor, spoke about the procedure to raise taxes.

Jim Brice spoke about if you received a citation for delinquent garbage you are able to pay it at the administration office due to the amount of hearings Magistrate Hopkins has.

**Old Business**

Nothing to report.

**New Business**

Mr. Conger read an update of the recent visit to CCAC in Oakdale with CCAC President Dr. Bullock and staff, Borough councilmen, John Conger, Marie Trozzo, and Dennis Gutierrez, Borough Administrator John Bedner, State Representative Bud Cook, and Senator Camera Bartolotta.

**Announcements for the public meeting:**

Mrs. Trozzo announced the Autumn Fest that will be held on Saturday, Oct. 21, 2017 11AM to 1 dusk at Palmer Park.

Mrs. Pavelko announced upcoming Donora Smog Committee events:

Oct. 26, 2017 Halloween Parade Line-up at 5 parade starts at 6PM. Free skating after parade and treat bags will be passed out at the fire hall after the parade.

Oct. 28, 2017 Donora 5K Run/Walk Registration at 8 AM. Starts at 10 AM.

Nov. 24, 2017 Twinkle Bright Night details coming soon.

Nov. 25, 2017 Valley Boys Reunion

The Crisis Center Hotline Number is (724) 225-3584

**ADJOURNMENT: 6:50 PM**

A Regular Council Meeting of the Donora Borough Council was held on November 9, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Donora Municipal Complex. The meeting was called to order by Gilbert Szakal Jr. and followed by The Pledge of Allegiance. The following members were present at roll call: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal and Mrs. Trozzo. Present were Borough Administrator, Secretary, Treasurer, John Bedner, Superintendent James Brice, and Mayor Pavelko.

**Opening of Bids**

No bids to open.

**Public Address Agenda Items:**

None

**Public Address Non —Agenda Items:**

Mr. McDonough spoke to council regarding the recent election. He also asked about the current status of the budget since he hasn't heard anything about this yet. Also, thank you for the savings on the insurance. Great job doing the leg work. Mr. Conger stated the budget was presented to each councilmen for review and once reviewed, adjustments will be made. Mr. McDonough addressed council about asking council a year ago asking about the illegal dumping and no one said anything. I was chastised at a meeting that this was my fault. No one came to the aid of a citizen. But there is a clean slate to be made and it was wrong that you didn't come to the aid of a citizen.

A resident questioned council about the Code Enforcement position. Mr. Szakal addressed the questions of the resident.

**Finance**

Mr. Conger read the Bill Report for October 2017. Mr. Conger made a motion to accept the Bill Report. Seconded by Mr. Coulter. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (7): Nays: (0) Absent: (0). Motion carried.

Mr. Conger read the Treasurer's Report for October 2017. Mr. Conger made a motion to accept the October Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Ms. Polkabila. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (7): Nays: (0) Absent: (0). Motion carried.

Mr. Conger read the Tax Collector report and made a motion to approve the report as presented. Seconded by Mr. Coulter. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (7): Nays: (0) Absent: (0). Motion carried.

Mr. Conger read the Payroll Report for October 2017.

Mr. Conger made an announcement that CSC Insurance Company worked with Selective Insurance to reduce the Borough's 2018 liability insurance premium from \$91,323 to \$70,185. A cost savings of approximately \$21,000 for the same coverage.

Mr. Conger made an announcement that the status of the Borough of Donora's participation in the State Ethic's Early Intervention Program is currently in the process of writing the request for proposal for the consultants and will be working closely with Michael Foreman DCED. Both responses are due no later than April 30, 2018.

**Health, Sanitation and Code Enforcement**

Mr. Shawley read the Code Enforcement Report for October 2017.

Mr. Shawley read the Landlord Registration & Occupancy Report for October 2017.

Mr. Shawley read the Refuse Report for October 2017.

Mr. Shawley made a motion to use Peter Grieb of Municipal Consulting Services to serve as the Borough's BCO (Building Code Officer). Seconded by Ms. Polkabila. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (6): Nays: (1) Mr. Coulter. Absent: (0). Motion carried.

Mr. Shawley made a motion to approve the quote in the amount of \$395 for the inspection, hydro testing, and refilling of the fire suppression system for the kitchen in the social hall. Seconded by

Mr. Conger. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (7): Nays: (0) Absent: (0). Motion carried.

Mr. Shawley made an announcement that there is an opening on the Code Enforcement Board of Appeals because of David Syrko's resignation. Anyone who is interested please submit a letter of interest to the office.

### **Recreation**

Mr. Gutierrez read the Park Rental Report for October 2017.

Ms. Polkabila made a motion to appoint Mr. Dennis Gutierrez to the Parks and Recreation Board. Seconded by Mr. Coulter. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (7): Nays: (0) Absent: (0). Motion carried.

Mr. Gutierrez announced there is an opening on the Parks and Recreation Board due to Tim Durka's passing. If you are interested, please submit a letter of interest to the Borough office.

Mr. Gutierrez announced that Mingo Creek County Park 2017-2018 Hunting Permit Applications are available at the Borough office.

Mr. Gutierrez announced the Donora Youth Soccer is holding a fundraiser on Saturday, November 11, 2017 from 12 to 4 at the Lauerman Concession Stand at Palmer Park.

### **Community Affairs and Municipal Building**

Mr. Coulter read the Banquet Hall Report for October 2017.

Mr. Coulter announced the Monongahela Veterans Council is having a Veteran's Day Parade on Saturday, November 11, 2017. Line-up is at 11 AM and a 12:00 PM start.

Mr. Coulter announced the Donora Smog Commemorative Committee will be hosting Valley Boys Reunion in the social hall on Saturday, November 25, 2017.

Mr. Coulter made a motion to approve Mon Valley Youth & Teen's request for a reduced rental fee (because they are non-profit) for the use of the social hall on Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017 for a Holiday Bash at a rate of \$200. Mr. Conger stated he can't be in favor of this since it is a large profit. We can't keep doing this. We have to look out for our finances. Mr. Gutierrez stated he is in favor. We need to help people. Seconded by Ms. Polkabila. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (6): Nays: Mr. Conger (1) Absent: (0). Motion carried.

### **Highways and Street Lights**

Ms. Polkabila spoke about Tim Durka. Council puts their own money in a fund and they are going to put a bench in his honor at the park.

Ms. Polkabila made a motion to approve the purchase of a tamper and plate compactor from Knickerbocker Russell Co. for \$4,350.00. Seconded by Mr. Shawley. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (6): Nays: (1) Mr. Coulter. Absent: (0). Motion carried.

Ms. Polkabila made a motion to approve the addition of the duties associated with the supervision of the street department to the current duties of Building Supervisor Michael Petroske. Mr. Petroske's rate is raised to \$55,000 for the remainder of the year. Seconded by Mrs. Trozzo. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (6): Nays: (1) Mr. Coulter. Absent: (0). Motion carried.

### **Public Safety**

Mrs. Trozzo read the Police Report for October 2017.

Mrs. Trozzo made a motion to hire a part-time police officers Spencer Allen, Chase Colucci, and John Columbia pending verification of Act 120 certification and background check. Wage is \$12.50/hour as outlined in the police bargaining agreement. Seconded by Mr. Shawley. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. TrOzzo. Ayes: (7): Nays: (0) Absent: (0). Motion carried.

Mrs. Trozzo announced the Borough of Donora is seeking part time police officers.

### **President of Council**

Mr. Szakal stated an executive session was held on Thursday, November 2, 2017.

Mr. Szakal stated he would like to approve the minutes for the October 2017 meeting. Minutes stand as presented.

### **Mavor's Report**

Mr. Pavelko made an announcement regarding he would like to make a correction to the Valley Boys' Reunion it is being held on the Sat. November 25, 2017.

Mr. Pavelko made an announcement regarding Twinkle Bright Night will be held on Friday, November 24 from 6-8 PM on 6<sup>th</sup> and McKean.

Mr. Pavelko stated last month he promised the public to show the video of the person responsible of the Pine Alley illegal dumping due to legal repercussions I was advised not to show the video. Mr. Pavelko stated the incident that took place a year ago. On November 1, 2016 that he was notified of the dumping. The dumping occurred on Oct. 29, 30, and 31. I am going to forward this evidence to the new council to handle. A discussion continued between council and Police Superintendent Jim Brice. Someone from the crowd asked a question and Council President Mr. Szakal advised that the public cannot ask questions during this discussion. You must sign up to speak later after all business is handled.

### **Public Officials**

Nothing to report.

### **Old Business**

Nothing to report.

### **New Business**

Mrs. Trozzo congratulated the new mayor and council that were elected. Also, thank you to all who were part of the Autumn Fest that was held at Palmer Park.

### **Announcements for the public meeting:**

**ADJOURNMENT: 6:40 PM**

A Special Council Meeting of the Donora Borough Council was held on December 7, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. in the Borough Council Chambers of the Donora Municipal Complex to propose the Borough of Donora's 2018 budget. The meeting was called to order by Council President Gilbert Szakal Jr. The following members were present at roll call: Mr. Conger, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal and Mrs. Trozzo. Absent was Mr. Coulter. Also present were Borough Administrator, Secretary, Treasurer, John Bedner.

Opening of Bids

No bids to open.

**Public Address Agenda Items:**

No one spoke regarding agenda items.

**Public Address Non —Agenda Items:**

No one spoke regarding non-agenda items.

**Finance**

Mr. Conger read aloud the Proposed 2018 Budget as follows:

REVENUES:

• Real Estate & Occupation Taxes	\$637,800.00
• Act 511 Taxes	\$414,000.00
• Community Services Special Taxes	
• Fire Protection Taxes	\$15,000.00
• Recreation Tax	\$25,000.00
• Library Tax	\$ 3,700.00
• Licenses and Permits	\$ 83,000.00
• Fines, Forfeits, & Costs	\$ 25,000.00
• Interests and Rents	\$ 16,000.00
• Intergovernmental Revenues	\$170,500.00
• Departmental Earnings	\$572,900.00
• Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 4,500.00
• Other Revenues (Refunds & Transfers)	\$324,000.00
<b>TOTAL OF ALL REVENUES IN 2018</b>	<b>\$2,308,400.00</b>

EXPENDITURES:

• Administration	\$ 146,042.00
• Tax Collection	\$ 16,750.00
• Law	\$ 23,900.00
• Borough Building	\$ 68,700.00
• Police	\$ 543,501.00
• Fire	\$ 36,573.00
• Code Enforcement	\$ 44,800.00
• Health & Sanitation	\$ 303,432.00
• Highways	\$ 422,052.00
• Parking	\$ 1,100.00
• Transit Authority	\$ 5,000.00
• Recreation	\$ 6,850.00
• Debt Service	\$ 132,200.00
• Insurance & Employee Benefits	\$ 490,800.00
• Non-Uniform MMO Pension Plan Contribution	\$ 17,000.00
• Other Expenses Except Non-Uniform MMO Pension Plan Contributions	\$ 6,000.00

**TOTAL OF ALL EXPENDITURES IN 2018**                      **\$2,308,400.00**

Mr. Conger stated the budget is balanced but the bad news is we are proposing an increase in taxes by 1 mil. We are under negotiations with non-uniform and police contracts.

Mr. Conger made a motion to display the 2018 proposed budget in the borough office and advertise it. Seconded by Ms. Polkabila. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, , Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (5): Nays: (1) Mr. Gutierrez Absent: (1) Mr. Coulter. Motion carried.

### **Health Sanitation and Code Enforcement**

Nothing to report.

### **Recreation**

Nothing to report.

### **Community Affairs and Municipal Building**

Nothing to report.

### **Highways and Street Liehts**

Nothing to report.

### **Public Safety**

Nothing to report.

### **President of Council**

Nothing to report.

### **Public Officials**

Nothing to report.

### **Old Business**

Nothing to report.

### **New Business**

### **Announcements for the public meeting:**

ADJOURNMENT: 6:15 PM

A Regular Council Meeting of the Donora Borough Council was held on December 14, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Donora Municipal Complex. The meeting was called to order by Gilbert Szakal Jr. and followed by The Pledge of Allegiance. The following members were present at roll call: Mr. Conger, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal and Mrs. Trozzo. Absent were Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, and Ms. Polkabila. Present were Borough Administrator, Secretary, Treasurer, John Bedner, Superintendent James Brice, Building and Grounds and Street Department Supervisor Michael Petroske Jr. Borough Solicitor Justin Walsh and Mayor Pavelko.

### **Opening of Bids**

No bids to open.

### **Public Address Agenda Items:**

None

### **Public Address Non —Agenda Items:**

Chantel Bey spoke to council regarding her center and the status of an occupancy permit. Mr. Szakal advised her that once the deficiencies are corrected an occupancy permit will be issued through Peter Grieb. The borough does not inspect commercial buildings.

Mr. Lewis Marraccini thanked council the reappointing him on the Sewage Board.

Cindy Brice spoke to council about this past *week* there was a small fire in her shop and she thanked Mike and the fire department took care of it.

Mr. Jim McDonough spoke about the trees getting cut down on McKean Avenue. Snow removal went very well yesterday. He also thanked the council members that are finished this year. He thanked Mr. Coulter who is not here about the James McDonough who is in Charleroi and Mr. Coulter made sure it wasn't me. Thank you for making my good name stay just that. Thank you all very much for having the borough's best interest in your heart.

A resident asked about the recyclable bin on 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Mike Petroske explained why it had to be removed due to hazardous non-recyclable items placed in there which has created a dangerous situation for the borough workers to stick their hands in there to empty it out.

A resident spoke about the youth and starting community service to encourage children to take care of this town.

### **Finance**

Mr. Conger read the Bill Report for November 2017. Mr. Conger made a motion to accept the Bill Report. Seconded by Mrs. Trozzo. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (4): Nays: (0) Absent: (3) Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila. Motion carried.

Mr. Conger read the Treasurer's Report for November 2017. Mr. Conger made a motion to accept the November Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Mrs. Trozzo. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (4): Nays: (0) Absent: (3) Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila. Motion carried.

Mr. Conger read the Tax Collector report and made a motion to approve the report as presented. Seconded by Mr. Shawley. A vote was taken to the call of roll: **Ayes:** Mr. Conger, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (4): Nays: (0) Absent: (3) Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila. Motion carried.

Mr. Conger read the Payroll Report for November 2017.

Mr. Conger made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$750/year Backup Disaster Recovery Plan by Freedom System. Seconded by Mr. Shawley. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes:

Mr. Conger, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (4): Nays: (0) Absent: (3) Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila. Motion carried.

Mr. Conger made an announcement that the Borough received notification from the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) that our Greenways, Trails, and Recreation grant in the amount of \$50,000 has been approved. This grant requires a \$15,000 match. Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) notified the borough this week that the Monongahela Valley Corridor Multimodal Feasibility Study is considered a High Value Project, but funding is not immediately available. February 23, 2018 is the funding deadline. Mr. Bedner explained the grant and advised a decision will be made with the new council coming in.

Mr. Conger made a motion to approve the allocation of 2018 CDBG funds as follows: Total \$225,800. \$100,000 set aside by the county for home rehabilitation, \$155,800 for projects. Projects will include street improvement paving McKean Avenue from 10<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> Street. Recreational improvements at Palmer Park, and the Development of a Farmers market and park at 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Seconded by Mr. Shawley. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (4): Nays: (0) Absent: (3) Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila. Motion carried.

### **Health, Sanitation and Code Enforcement**

Mr. Shawley read the Code Enforcement Report for November 2017.

Mr. Shawley read the Landlord Registration & Occupancy Report for November 2017.

Mr. Shawley read the Refuse Report for November 2017.

Mr. Shawley made a motion to approve the appointment of Beau Stoioff to the Code Enforcement Board of Appeals. Seconded by Mr. Conger. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (4): Nays: (0) Absent: (3) Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila. Motion carried.

Mr., Shawley made a motion to hire Michele Mackey Harris as Code Enforcement Officer at a rate of \$15.00 an hour with no benefits with a start date of January 2, 2018. Seconded by Mr. Conger. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (4): Nays: (0) Absent: (3) Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila. Motion carried.

### **Recreation**

Mr. Conger read the Park Rental Report for November 2017.

Mr. Conger announced the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) conducted a site inspection of Palmer Park. Residents will notice a Land and Conservation Fund (LWCF) poster near the Lauerman Pavilion.

### **Community Affairs and Municipal Building**

Mr. Conger made a motion to approve the Ringgold Youth Athletic Football Association for a reduced rental fee of \$200 for a banquet/fundraiser. Seconded by Mr. Shawley. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (4): Nays: (0) Absent: (3) Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila. Motion carried.

Mr. Conger announced there will be an Opioid Crisis Discussion on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 6:00 PM at the Fallowfield Fire Dept.



**Highways and Street Lights**

Mr. Shawley made a motion to approve the Westmoreland Sanitary invoice of \$2,732.49 for the disposal of residual and municipal waste from Pine Alley. Seconded by Mrs. Trozzo. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (4): Nays: (0) Absent: (3) Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila. Motion carried.

Mr. Shawley made a motion to approve the reappointment of Lewis Marraccini for a 5 year term on the Board of the Mon Valley Sewage Authority. Seconded by Mrs. Trozzo. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (4): Nays: (0) Absent: (3) Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila. Motion carried.

Mr. Shawley made a motion to approve Gannett Fleming Invoices (\$1,620.23 and \$1,145.36) from the sewage fund of engineering work associated with the Donora Catch Basin Replacement Project. Seconded by Mr. Conger. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Shawley, Mr. Szakal, and Mrs. Trozzo. Ayes: (4): Nays: (0) Absent: (3) Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila. Motion carried.

Mr. Shawley announced the recycling bin at 7<sup>th</sup> and Meldon parking lot has been removed due to hazardous non-recyclable items such as syringes being dumped in the bin.

**Public Safety**

Mrs. Trozzo read the Police Report for November 2017.

**President of Council**

Mr. Szakal stated he would like to approve the minutes for the November 2017 meeting. Minutes stand as presented.

**Mayor's Report**

Mr. Pavelko spoke about his years on council and as mayor.

**Public Officials**

Nothing to report.

**Old Business**

Nothing to report.

**New Business**

Mrs. Trozzo congratulated the new mayor and council that were elected. Also, thank you to all who were part of the Autumn Fest that was held at Palmer Park.

**Announcements for the public meeting:**

Mr. Szakal announced the fire department will be delivering treats on Thurs. Dec. 21 starting at 6 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT: 6:55 PM**

A Special Meeting of the Donora Borough Council was held on December 27, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Donora Municipal Complex. The meeting was called to order by Gilbert Szakal Jr. following by the Pledge of Allegiance. The following members were present at roll call: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, and Mr. Szakal. Mrs. Trozzo was absent. Also present was Administrator/Secretary/ Treasurer John A, Bedner and Mayor Don Pavelko. Absent was Borough Solicitor Justin Walsh.

### O nine of Bids

No bids to open.

### Public Address

### Finance

Mr. Conger made a motion to approve the repayment of the 2017 Tax Anticipation Loan #607441346 in the amount of \$132,358.85. Seconded by Ms. Polkabila. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, and Mr. Szakal. Ayes: (4). Nays: (2) Mr. Coulter and Mr. Gutierrez. Absent: (1) Mrs. Trozzo. Motion carried.

Mr. Conger made a motion to approve a payment of \$3,679.94 to the Donora Public Library for the annual contribution of taxes collected. Seconded by Ms. Polkabila. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, and Mr. Szakal. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0). Absent: (1) Mrs. Trozzo. Motion carried.

Mr. Conger read aloud the 2018 Final Budget:

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### **EXPENDITURES:**

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• Debt Service	\$ 132,200.00
• Insurance & Employee Benefits	\$ 490,800.00
• Non-Uniform MMO Pension Plan Contribution	\$ 17,000.00
• Other Expenses Except Non-Uniform	
MMO Pension Plan Contributions	\$ 6,000.00
TOTAL OF ALL EXPENDITURES IN 2018	\$2,308,400.00

Mr. Conger made a motion to accept the 2018 final budget as proposed. Seconded by Ms. Polkabila. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, and Mr. Szakal. Ayes: (4). Nays: (2) Mr. Coulter and Mr. Gutierrez. Absent: (1) Mrs. Trozzo. Motion carried.

Mr. Conger made a motion to approve Ordinance #1387 which is the Tax Levy Ordinance for the Borough of Donora for the fiscal year of 2018. Seconded by Ms. Polkabila. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, and Mr. Szakal. Ayes: (4). Nays: (2) Mr. Coulter and Mr. Gutierrez. Absent: (1) Mrs. Trozzo. Motion carried.

Mayor Don Pavelko submitted a letter to veto Ordinance 1387 due to new council coming in and they should decide the tax increase and review the budget.

Mr. Conger made a motion to override Mayor Pavelko veto of Ordinance #1387. Seconded by Ms. Polkabila. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Conger, Ms. Polkabila, Mr. Shawley, and Mr. Szakal. Ayes: (4). Nays: (2) Mr. Coulter and Mr. Gutierrez. Absent: (1) Mrs. Trozzo. Motion failed.

#### **Health Sanitation and Code Enforcement**

Nothing to report

#### **Recreation**

Nothing to report

#### **Community Affairs and Municipal Building**

Nothing to report

#### **Public Safety**

Nothing to report

#### **President of Council**

Nothing to report

#### **Mayor's Report**

Nothing to report

#### **Public Officials**

Nothing to report

#### **Old Business**

Nothing to report

#### **New Business**

Nothing to report

#### **Announcements for the public meeting:**

The Crisis Center Hotline Number is (724) 225-3584

**ADJOURNMENT: 6:20PM**